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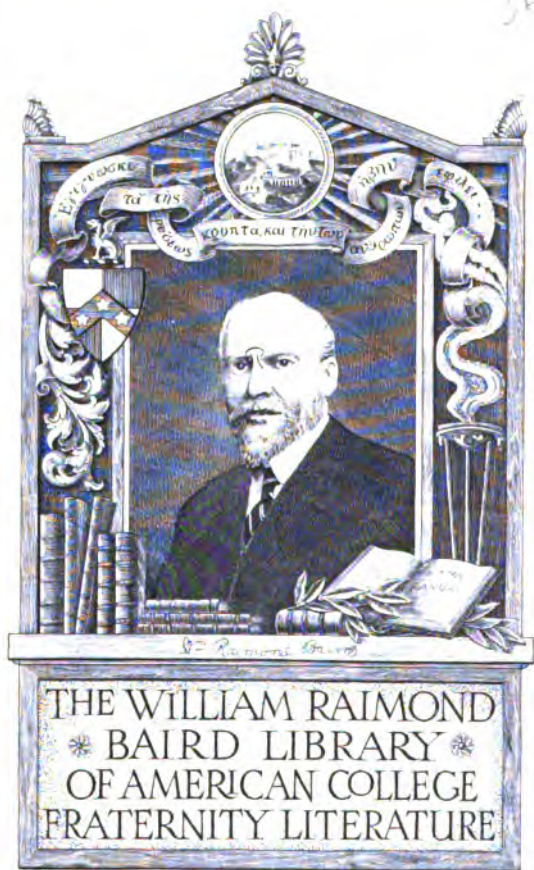
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Lost.

So Love like Faith corrodes
In touch with science thought!
No more the melting eye,
Soft lips and curls are aught
To buy a future home.
Darwin reason ill, ill fraught?
Regards the life unborn,
And love as Love is naught.

J. E. W., Alpha-Beta.

The Review of a Decade.

NOTHING wins much more sympathy from men than a blind man, and justly so. Deprived of sight he is deprived of many of the ravishing experiences that the sublime and beautiful in nature work upon the human composition. Not only does the blind man suffer in this respect, but also from being unable to tell what is before him, what is behind him, and what is around him. The prudent man on a journey measures with his eye the way before him, and behind him, and around him in order to estimate his progress and position. By such measuring he can economize his force and energy, escape pitfalls and rough places, and profit by his past experience; for he easily knows when he is in such a place as he was formerly. The blind man has to grapple anew with each condition, and he walks uphill and downhill alike. The above is written with a purpose, nor is it the outcome of a mind full of idle speculation. It is to impress the reader with the importance and profit of thoroughly knowing the past, and it hints at the main reason for the study of all history. Such a study of the past is always profitable, but sometimes sad. Happy is that man or that organization when the past is pleasant to look upon, as well as instructive.

The history of the Kappa Alpha Order from January, 1883, to the present time, is such as to encourage and please all who are interested in its progress, and there are many lessons of importance which it teaches the student desiring not only a maintenance of the present prosperity but an increase in strength, influence, and extent. It is the main purpose of this writer to portray the advances made, as a matter of an addition to the letter rather than the spirit of history, and secondarily, to point out some of the lessons easily deduced therefrom.

It is hardly possible to enter as minutely into detail in this review as would be desirable from an historical standpoint or of perfect interest to the statistician. This is owing to the lack of an exact, full record, and that a part of that which exists is not available.

When the year 1883 began there were in existence sixteen chapters of Kappa Alpha. These chapters were: Alpha, at the Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, Va.; Beta, at the Virginia Military Institute at the same place; Gamma, at the University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.; Delta, at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Epsilon, at Emory College, Oxford, Ga.; Zeta, at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.; Eta, at Richmond College, Richmond, Va.; Iota, at Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; Kappa, at Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; Lambda, at the University of Virginia; Pi Prime, at Gordon Institute, Barnesville, Ga.; Rho, at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.; Sigma, at Davidson College, North Carolina; Tau, at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.; Upsilon, at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.; and Phi, at Southern University, Greensboro, Ala. It is seen that Kappa Alpha was established in five States. In Virginia there were five chapters, in Georgia there were four chapters, in South Carolina there were three chapters, in North Carolina there were three chapters, in Alabama there was only one. Of these sixteen chapters at beginning of the year 1883, Alpha Chapter was in a state of inactivity, different from death only that the charter had not been recalled. Alpha had been in such a state since 1873, with the exception of three years from 1875 to 1878, which was followed by five more years of inactivity.

Of these sixteen chapters, Tau, the lamented died, was resurrected and died again. The cause of the extinction of Tau was the anti-fraternity laws at Wake Forest. These laws necessitated running the chapter *sub rosa*. Pi Prime, gave up its charter

in 1885, on account of lack of material. Upsilon Chapter surrendered its charter in 1888, owing to stringent anti-fraternity laws. It appears from the closing sentence of the history of Upsilon in the Catalogue of 1891 that its existence had never been very profitable; for the last sentence of that record reads: "Thus after seven years of struggle between life and death, Upsilon died." Upsilon has been revived within the last year and gives promise of a prosperous life to come.

At the opening of this decade then, there were but sixteen chapters of the Order; two of these have since died, leaving only fourteen of our present number over the age of ten years. Of the present number eighteen are less than ten years old. In other words, our fraternity has more than doubled its active chapters in ten years, has increased at the rate of one hundred and twenty-three per cent. The chapters organized in the past decade are a fraction over fifty-six per cent of the present number. Besides this, two of the fourteen original chapters, Alpha and Upsilon, have been revived in this decade.

The chapters that have been established since January, 1883, are: Theta, South Carolina Military Academy, Charleston, S. C., in 1883; Mu, at Erskine College, Due West, S. C., in 1883; Nu, at Alabama Polytechnic Institute and A. and M. College at Auburn, Ala., in 1883; Xi, at the Southwestern University, at Georgetown, Texas, in 1883; Omicron, at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, in 1883; Pi, at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., in 1884; Chi, at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., in 1883; Psi, at University of Louisiana, now Tulane University, in 1883; Omega, at Centre College, Danville, Ky., in 1883; Alpha-Alpha, at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., in 1884; Alpha-Beta, at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala., in 1885; Alpha-Gamma, at the Louisiana State University, at Baton Rouge, La., in 1886; Alpha-Delta, at William Jewel College, Liberty, Mo., in 1887; Alpha-Epsilon, at Southwestern Presbyterian University, at Clarksville, Tenn., in 1887; Alpha-Zeta, at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., in 1890; Alpha-Eta, at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., 1890; Alpha-Theta, Kentucky University, Lexington, Ky., in 1891; Alpha-Iota, at Centenary College, Jackson, La., in 1891; Alpha-Kappa, at Missouri State University, Columbia, Mo., in 1891, and Alpha-Lambda, at Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, Md., in 1891.

These chapters are distributed as follows in the different

States: South Carolina, two; Alabama, two; Texas, two; Tennessee, four; Louisiana, three; Virginia, one; Kentucky, two; Missouri, three; Maryland, one, making in all twenty chapters. Of these twenty chapters Pi is extinct. Pi lived for about four years. Theta Chapter is in a doubtful condition, owing to anti-fraternity laws at the institution where it exists or existed. Xi was for a time inactive but is now in good condition. We may say then that of the twenty chapters established in the past ten years, one is dead, one is in an uncertain condition, and eighteen are vigorous and prosperous. It will be seen that Kappa Alpha is now established in eleven States, namely: Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, Maryland, and Kentucky. Six of these eleven States have been entered in the past decade, or an increase in States of one hundred and twenty per cent. The progress has been chiefly Western and Southern.

When it is considered that eighteen of our present chapters have been established in the past ten years, and two of the original fourteen owe their present existence to work done in this period, that six of the eleven States where our Order flourishes have been entered in this time, and that only one chapter established has died outright, from standpoint of extension the past decade is the momentous period in the history of the Order. In fact, with the exception of the period of its origin, no time in our history is worthy of such attention. Not only is this so, but all the chapters seem to be stronger in this period than ever before, and a spirit of permanency and power pervades throughout our entire fraternity.

The following have filled the office of Knight Commander in this time: John S. Candler, Epsilon, 1883-85; J. L. Whitworth, Lambda, 1885-87; P. B. Hamer, Delta, 1887-89; H. H. White, Chi, 1889-91; S. Z. Ammen, Alpha, 1891 to the present time. It is remarkable that the present incumbent has been chosen to this position for a third time, having served two terms of one year each twenty-two years ago, 1868-70. This fact is not equalled by any thing in the history of Greek letter societies known to the writer. Mr. Ammen was a member of original Alpha and is the author of our present ritual.

During the administration of J. S. Candler in 1883-85 ten chapters were established; during the administration of J. L. Whitworth two chapters were established; during the administration of P. B. Hamer two chapters were established; during

the administration of H. H. White four chapters were established, and during the administration of the present K. C. two chapters have been established.

Up to the convention of 1885, held in Nashville, Tenn., the financial system of the Order had been unsatisfactory. The K. C. was then burdened with the caring for this branch of the fraternity's affairs. At this convention J. A. Williams, of Omega, and afterward of Lambda, presented his system of finance, providing for relieving the K. C. of the duties of treasurer. This system was adopted, and was put into operation with Mr. Williams, its author, as treasurer with the title of Grand Purser. Mr. Williams succeeded in his aims, and his plans proved so satisfactory that they remain to-day unchanged. Since the inauguration of this system Kappa Alpha has had little trouble on account of money matters. Too much praise can not be accorded Mr. Williams for his excellent ideas and his active labor in making them of use to his fraternity. So within the past decade Kappa Alpha has reached a stable financial position. The fraternity is thrifty rather than rich, and is enabled to be comfortable rather than luxurious or profligate, an embodiment of Solomon's wisdom, "Give me neither poverty nor riches."

When the convention of 1885 met the Order was without an organ or periodical publication. In 1878 the fraternity had made an attempt to publish a magazine called the *Kappa Alpha Journal*. Three numbers were issued and the project was abandoned. In 1883 the *Kappa Alpha Magazine*, a quarterly, was begun. It was published for one year regularly. The second year it was published twice. The convention of 1885, supported by the financial system, established the KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL, which has developed into the JOURNAL of to-day.

In this period for the first time any thing like a complete catalogue of the Order was published, the great Chick Catalogue of 1891, which has given an impetus to the historian and enabled him, with that as a basis, to do valuable work in perfecting the past and keeping the present history.

The fundamental principles of our Order have not been changed in the past ten years. Some duties have been taken from certain officers and given to others, and in some cases the details of the workings have been changed; but the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, in spirit and principle, remains the same to-day as ten years ago.

The only material changes of the constitution that we now re-

call are the financial system, the laws in relation to our magazine, and those in reference to the founding of new chapters, all of which are, in the main, highly desirable, and will eventually tend to a thorough development and strengthening of the entire fraternity.

To the mind philosophically inclined it is of interest to note the effect of various conditions upon the chapters and the entire fraternity. We know from the past that internal improvement and development are now needed more than any thing else.

Tau Chapter, Upsilon Chapter, Theta Chapter have suffered from anti-fraternity laws. Tau Chapter, after two efforts, became entirely extinct. This chapter was conducted strictly *sub rosa*. Upsilon Chapter was forced to suspend on account of such laws and was revived only after their abolition. Theta Chapter once so flourishing became practically useless when it became necessary to conduct it *sub rosa*. In the past ten years we have had five chapters contending against such conditions. One died outright, one suspended until the sentiment of the institution changed, one is in an uncertain condition, one is conducted irregularly under the direction of another chapter, and the fifth is yet too young to be spoken of definitely. Certainly experience in this line teaches the unwisdom of establishing such chapters, not to discuss the question of principle involved.

The history of the life and prosperity of the fraternity, its good fellowship and general activity and closer union since the establishment of the JOURNAL is a testimonial to the usefulness of a fraternity magazine. Mr. Benners, the present Grand Purser, in a widely quoted article in the JOURNAL of February, 1892, expresses this sentiment, which has been generally declared to be correct: "An entertaining, inspiring, well edited paper is worth more to a fraternity than its ritual or constitution." A magazine does much to enthuse the active membership, acquaint such membership with the needs of the Order, and gives an opportunity for a thorough interchange of opinions; it also keeps alive, to a certain extent, the interest of the alumni, and keeps them in touch with the Order which they loved so much in the past.

The past ten years has demonstrated the necessity of business methods in plans and conduct of the financial system, and proves beyond question that such a system is a source of strength in many ways. As horrible as the thought may be to many, a confident and independent spirit is fostered more by a feeling of

security in this respect, and without such security the confident and independent spirit can hardly exist.

Such is a brief review of what Kappa Alpha has done in ten years. Certainly it is enough to gratify the most despondent and to elate the cheerful. There seems to be no reason for any thing but a successful future. Yet let not the past and present so please as to cause a neglect of the future. A great lawyer of Tennessee is said to have announced that he worked harder to maintain than to make his reputation. No excellence can be gained or maintained without diligent and intelligent effort. This is an age where all is activity. Stop to-day in front and start to-morrow behind.

Having reviewed the past decade, it is hoped that the perusal will not only interest the reader, but may prove of aid to the Historian and of some profit to the order at large, both generally and individually.

The Order is certainly in a healthier and stronger condition than ever in its history. The future decade is veiled in mystery, to be revealed only by time and by degrees. We lay up treasure behind this veil as the Christian lays up treasure in heaven, by active, prudent, and good work. Fraternities are in a great measure the creators of their destinies.

Closer Relations With Our Alumni.

THE alumni circular letters and blanks, prepared by Mr. Chick for use in connection with the chapter register, the printing and distribution of which I have just authorized, will be a means of bringing the alumni in touch with the active members hereafter once, at least, every year. Once a year (in November) the C. H. of the chapter will send to every alumnus of his chapter a letter, asking him to fill up an inclosed blank, and return it. This blank asks questions corresponding exactly with the entries of biographical data required in making up the chapter register. They are meant, in fact, to procure from alumni the information the register calls for, to correct errors and supply deficiencies. There are two forms—one for "old" alumni, whose record may be very defective, and another for recent alumni, whose record is complete up to November of the preceding year. The utility of the circulars and blanks will

depend, of course, upon the zeal and industry with which the C. H. performs his duties. He will perform them in some fashion, if the chapters adopt and enforce the order of business and by-laws presented in appendix E of my annual report. I particularly urge it upon the G. Ms. that it is their duty to hold the C. Hs. closely to this work upon the chapter registers. Having at length realized a long-deferred desire in getting these registers and blanks into the chapters, we look to the chapters to turn them to good account. If they do so, the preparation of annual catalogues, full catalogues, and chapter histories will be hereafter an easy task.

One effect of the use of the circulars and blanks will be to convince alumni that they are remembered. Correspondence will be carried on. The register will become a sort of directory, through which alumni will learn what has become of the friends of former years. Closer relations will be established, and the chapter will, in consequence, take its venerable members, now and then, into its arms. There will be little suppers, speeches will be had from the guests, and written contributions to the chapter's history. Nice little attentions shown by the active members will win the hearts of alumni, and be rewarded, perhaps, by contributions when a banquet or biennial convention causes extraordinary expenditure. The chapter house fund will be augmented sometimes in this way, and useful suggestions will be obtained.

I think the alumni are apt to grow cold. It is a way they nearly all have at times. It is a fault, though a natural one. Alumni have many distractions. They are, however, willing—we have many proofs of it—to work for the fraternity when called upon. A mistake the fraternity makes is in not calling upon them often enough, or with sufficient confidence.

In some respects the alumni are apt to fancy themselves too much ignored. I know some good K. A. alumni who feel deeply the alleged disposition of the active members to "run things" without regard to the absent members. They think the views of alumni, as to proposed changes in law or ritual, should be taken into account.

A more genial feeling toward benefactors of the order might, perhaps, be exhibited. A beginning should be made with the founders of the chapters. They should be the Lares in the chapter home. The founding of the chapter should be celebrated annually, and the venerable founders should always

be invited to attend. Let us show them honor. They will catch the warmth of festive occasions, and glow with revived fraternal enthusiasm. When the 21st of December, the general anniversary, is to be celebrated, the invitations should go to all alumni residing in the town where the chapter exists, as well as to others living at a distance. Some should be called upon for formal orations. Others can be made to respond to compromising toasts. All can be made to have a good time, and the chapter will profit from it. In short, to have friends, one must show himself friendly. The alumni are not incorrigible. They will respond to kind treatment. It is possible to expect too much of them, but the chapters ought to know that they resent being treated as indifferent, or of no account. Such of them as have performed great services in the past can not but feel hurt that they are forgotten in the present. We have scores of men who have stood forward for us at critical times. Let us collect their names into a roll of honor, and show that we know how to appreciate deserving alumni. S. Z. A.

September 28, 1892.

The Alabama State Association.

THE three Alabama chapters having long been impressed with the desirability of closer and more intimate relations among themselves, Alpha-Beta invited the two others to send representatives to a conference which it was proposed to hold at the State University. The invitation was at once accepted. Phi sent D. L. Wilkinson; H. T. DeBardeleben and H. F. Dobbin represented Nu, while Alpha-Beta's delegate was W. S. Northington. The meeting was held in April, 1892, and it was decided to establish a State Kappa Alpha association. The outline of a constitution suitable for such an organization was drawn up, to be acted upon by the chapters separately. The proposed constitution was adopted without dissent, and the first annual meeting was held with Phi Chapter on June 10.

The meeting was called to order in the hall of the Knights of Pythias, in Greensboro, at 12 M., Brother D. P. Christenberry, an alumnus of Phi (recently elected Professor of English at the Southern University) in the chair, and Brother F. P. Sledge, of Phi, acting as temporary secretary.

Brother Willoughby moved that three active members, one from each chapter, be appointed as a Committee on Credentials and Permanent Organization; and accordingly the chair appointed W. S. Northington, of Alpha-Beta, S. H. Terral, of Phi, and J. E. Willoughby, representing Nu by proxy, as this committee.

After a recess the association was informed that the committee was ready to report. They announced that W. S. Keller was the authorized delegate from Alpha-Beta; that J. E. Willoughby held a proxy from H. T. DeBardeleben, Nu's delegate, and that all of Phi Chapter were entitled to participate in the proceedings as delegates. They reported as the permanent officers of the association: D. P. Christenberry, of Phi, for President; Joel Dumas, of Nu, for Vice-president; John L. Hibbard, of Alpha-Beta, for Secretary, and Augustus Benners, of Phi, for orator; but, owing to the absence of the secretary, it was recommended that Brother Sledge act in this capacity for this present meeting. The committee suggested the following order of business for all the meetings:

1. Call to order.
2. Address of welcome.
3. Response on behalf of visiting chapters.
4. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
5. Oration.
6. Report of Committee on Credentials.
7. Reports from chapters.
8. Reading and discussion of papers.
9. Motions and propositions.
10. Election of officers.
11. Adjournment.

The report was unanimously adopted. Reports from the chapters were declared in order, and Brother Keller read a communication from Alpha-Beta; then Brother Brown read a very carefully prepared and very interesting report from Phi, and Brother Willoughby made an oral report of Nu's progress during the session of 1891-92. The chair instructed Willoughby to write out his remarks, and to furnish the secretary with the written copy.

Only one paper was read before the association. It was from the pen of Brother Willoughby, and the reading was attentively heard. At its conclusion the association, on motion, adjourned for dinner.

The afternoon session began at 3.15, and was opened by a short discussion of the ideas advanced in the above mentioned essay.

It was resolved: (1) That the association assess every active member fifty cents to defray the railway expenses of the delegates; (2) that every chapter be required to furnish at least one paper on fraternity topics to every meeting for reading and discussion; (3) that a resolution of thanks be tendered the Knights of Pythias for the use of their hall; (4) that the secretary of the association be instructed to transmit an account of their meeting to the KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL for publication, and that he be directed to inform the officers for 1892-93 of their election.

The association adjourned at 4.30 P.M. to meet in Tuscaloosa in June, 1893. The meeting was most enjoyable throughout, and was marred only by the fact that Brother DeBardeleben, the accredited delegate from Nu, was prevented from reaching Greensboro, owing to the accident of a delayed train.

Apologies are due to my brethren of the association for delay in carrying out their instructions. Pressure of academic duties prevented me from writing an account of the meeting for several weeks and at the end of that time I was under the impression that the June-July number of the JOURNAL had already gone to press.

JOHN L. HIBBARD, *Secretary.*

The Conditions of Fraternity Life.

WHAT conditions favor the permanent existence of a chapter? This problem confronts us at once in any attempt we may make to formulate a salutary law regulating the establishment of new chapters. Upon a correct solution of it depends, in a very great measure, the prosperity of the Greek-letter fraternity. We may be helped, perhaps, to a right conclusion by a study of the circumstances under which our older chapters have flourished. Such of them as have existed for ten years or more at the same institution may be conceded to be favorably situated. A decade is not a long period in the life of a man, but it embraces three generations of chapter life. It is long enough to give effective play to the factors of decay that ultimately end the existence of a chapter that is located at an unsuitable institution.

We have twelve chapters that have existed for ten years, and are: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta, Iota, Kappa, Lambda, Sigma, and Phi. This list embraces a large proportion of our best chapters. They have given the Order its tone and character. In the circumstances of these chapters we have indisputably the conditions that favor a protracted chapter life. Not only so, but we have the conditions that produce zealous, loyal, and devoted Kappa Alphas. A study of their respective habitats will accordingly prove instructive.

These ancient seats of Kappa Alphaism appear to have had these things in common: Curricula, in which the classical course, extending over three or four years, held the place of honor; small endowments; good libraries, and literary societies; ample buildings, situated in the vicinity of a small town, and occupied in part by the students as dormitories; a more or less extensive campus, well shaded with trees. Circumstances have favored isolation. The students have formed a small community, dependent upon itself for society, and upon books for diversions and ideals. Their studies have been such as to sever them widely from the work-a-day world. Under these conditions, the natural craving for companionship gives birth to the fraternal spirit which finds expression in chapter life.

With the exception of the University of Virginia, the homes of all the chapters now under consideration are institutions of modest proportions. Their average total attendance last year was 209. The average of students above the grade of sub-freshman was but 168.

A description of the situation of the old Alpha will illustrate pretty well the conditions under which these chapters have flourished.

In 1865-66, when Alpha first saw the light, Washington College had 146 students, among whom there were five fraternities. The endowment was about \$125,000. The buildings, large, and flanked by dormitories and professors' houses, were situated on a hill near the town of Lexington. The campus was large, and the lawn in front of the buildings was attractive, and a place of resort by reason of the number of shade trees. The college had a good library, and the two debating societies had libraries of their own. The students had little to do with the townspeople, a sort of feud, the issue of ill-considered pranks, causing them to keep each other at arm's length.

In the picture in the Kappa Alpha History and Catalogue,

facing page 5, the reader sees on the extreme right a long one-story brick building. That was North Dormitory. Next to it, on the left, is a large building known as "Paradise," also occupied in my day by students who lodged there. Between "Paradise" and the central or main building is "Cat Tail," where the students had rooms, and where the early K. As. sometimes had meetings. At the southern end of the line of buildings was South Dormitory, and in the room at the southernmost end of South Dormitory our fraternity had its origin. In 1865, and for some years after, the two dormitories, "Cat Tail" and "Paradise," were occupied by the students, and I can testify to the "high jinks" they had there. They lived very much secluded, not caring much for the shocks their hilarity inflicted upon the austere natives. The latter lacked, perhaps, the expansive warmth of manner that characterizes the average Southerner. At any rate, the students looked to each other for sympathy and encouragement in this work, with the result that the fraternity spirit became strongly developed. More Greek-letter fraternities have originated at Lexington, I believe, than at any other place in the South.

At Athens, Ga., the home of Gamma, a like situation has favored fraternity life. The University of Georgia in 1875-6 (my data do not go further back) had 104 academic students, 6 law students, and 93 students in an agricultural and mechanical department. It had a campus thirty-seven acres in extent, a good library, and vigorous literary societies. The students lived in dormitories, and their social life early assumed the fraternal character.

Going through the whole list of our earlier chapters, we should find the factors of their long life and warmth of fraternity spirit largely in the nature of their surroundings. We might fairly conclude, thence, that, with the conditions enumerated above, a small college might afford a congenial home for a sound fraternity, while a very large institution, without them, might permit it to wither and decay.

The following details of the condition of the old chapters under discussion, in the period from 1874 to 1877, may be of interest:

The Virginia Military Institute (Beta) had 221 students in 1875. It has never had an endowment.

Wofford College (Delta) in 1876 had 95 collegiate and 30 preparatory students; good library; productive endowment, \$50,000.

Emory College (Epsilon) in 1876 had 100 collegiate and 55 preparatory students; productive endowment, \$20,000.

Randolph-Macon College (Zeta) in 1876 had 235 students (proportion of preps unknown), and a productive endowment of \$25,000.

Richmond College (Eta) in 1876 had 150 students (proportion of preps unknown), with productive endowment of \$100,000; dormitories and campus of thirteen acres; good library.

Furman University (Iota) in 1875 had 54 students; reported endowment, \$210,000.

Mercer University (Kappa) in 1875 had 150 students (proportion of preps unknown).

Davidson College (Sigma) in 1874 had 117 students (proportion of preps unknown); endowment, \$85,000.

Southern University (Phi) in 1877 had 100 students (proportion of preps unknown); productive funds, \$51,000.

With the aid of catalogues of 1891-2, I have prepared a table to show the present condition of the institutions at which we have chapters, and the quantity of fraternity material at each. The table in my annual report gave, in its last column, the college attendance, excluding preps and women. It was, however, unsatisfactory, as respects certain institutions, because it included in the totals students in normal, dental, medical, and other courses, and consequently did not indicate the true proportion of proper fraternity material. Forced to invent a standard by which to test collegiate attendance, I have assumed that a gentlemanly fellow of from fifteen to twenty-five, pursuing a course of study in the "liberal arts," extending over three or four years, is the ideal fraternity material. I class as unavailable all students under the grade of freshman, all women, all in medical, law, dental, commercial, and normal departments, though some of these will be fit material, from having been through the college course. I take as my standard the number of students in the strictly collegiate, or "academic," department. If I thus exclude some good men, I also exclude a percentage of incorrigible barbarians.

In the following table the fraternity material at each institution where we have interests is worked out on the principles just stated:

Contributions.

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NAME.	Total Attendance.	Academic Students.	Preparatory.	Miscellaneous.	Fraternity Material.
Alpha.....	242	179	0	63	179
Beta.....	207	207	0	0	207
Gamma.....	195	147	0	48	147
Delta.....	248	158	90	0	158
Epsilon.....	285	218	67	0	218
Zeta.....	130	130	0	0	130
Eta.....	204	0	0	14	190
Iota.....	153	99	54	0	99
Kappa.....	280	198	51	31	198
Lambda.....	515	253	0	262	253
Mu.....	83	63	20	0	63
Nu.....	255	225	30	0	225
Xi.....	322	167	155	0	167
Omicron.....	388	174	0	214	174
Rho.....	† 67	?	?	?	?
Sigma.....	150	150	0	0	150
* Upsilon.....	197	152	0	45	152
Phi.....	212	187	25	0	187
Chi.....	710	162	0	548	162
Psi.....	1284	118	192	974	118
Omega.....	231	130	101	0	130
Alpha-Alpha.....	279	188	91	0	188
Alpha-Beta.....	167	148	0	19	148
Alpha-Gamma.....	† 179	?	?	?	?
Alpha-Delta.....	250	104	146	0	104
Alpha-Epsilon.....	130	130	0	0	130
Alpha-Zeta.....	† 174	?	?	?	?
* Alpha-Eta.....	128	75	12	41	75
Alpha-Theta.....	974	180	34	760	180
* Alpha-Iota.....	138	50	88	0	50
Alpha-Kappa.....	714	196	164	354	196
Alpha-Lambda.....	547	477	0	70	240

* Catalogue of 1890-91. † Proportion of preps unknown.

The above table does not exhibit sufficiently in detail the composition of the total attendance of the larger institutions. To set it forth, and to explain the small figure used to express the quantity of fraternity material in some of them, it will be well to enter into particulars.

Vanderbilt University (Chi) has a total attendance of 710. Of this number 37 are in the law school, 288 in the medical school, 124 in the dental school, 24 in the school of pharmacy, 61 in the biblical school, and 51 in the school of engineering. In the academic department there are 162, which number indicates roughly the proportion of fraternity material in the total attendance of 710.

Tulane University (Psi) has a total attendance of 1,284, but of

this number but 118 are in the academic department. There are 192 in the preparatory department ("preps"), 374 in the medical school, 41 in the school of pharmacy, 25 in the school of law; 178 are women. Psi's range of choice is, therefore, comparatively small.

The University of Missouri (Alpha-Kappa) shows a total attendance of 714, but of this number but 196 are academics. There are 164 preps, 135 in engineering, 32 in the medical school, 66 in the law school, 205 in agriculture and mechanics, 124 are in the normal school, and 46 are women. Fraternity material is not, therefore, so abundant for Alpha-Kappa as would appear at first sight.

The Kentucky University is credited in my table with a gross attendance of 974—the catalogue does not clearly indicate it—but the fraternity material is limited to the 180 male students in the academic course. The rest are commercial students, 610; women, 25; biblical students, 126; preps, 34.

The University of Texas (Omicron) shows a total attendance of 388. Academics number 174; medical students, 23; law students, 92; women, 101.

The University of Virginia and Johns Hopkins University resemble each other in having a very large attendance that must be classed as academic, and yet having very little fraternity material. The academic students here are largely graduates of other institutions, and are already when they arrive members of a fraternity, or too old and too busy to wish to join a chapter. Our chapters at these institutions get the bulk of their membership by transfers rather than by initiations. They have, therefore, characteristics which distinguish them broadly from our other chapters.

The University of Virginia (Lambda) has an attendance of 515, of which number 253 are in the academic department, 44 in the engineering, 145 in the medical department, and 134 in the law department.

Johns Hopkins University (Alpha-Lambda) has 547 students on its roll, of whom 337 are graduates of other institutions; 140 "matriculates"—that is to say, men pursuing a collegiate course—and 39 medical students. We shall always have a good chapter here, as at the University of Virginia, but it will, I think, consist largely of Southern transfers. I do not, perhaps, err greatly in crediting the Johns Hopkins with 240 as the measure of its fraternity material.

The question of the relative merits of large institutions and small institutions as chapter habitats is hardly a practical one in the South, where all our institutions are small. We have nothing to compare, for example, with Harvard, which is this year credited with 3,000 students. There is, however, no disposition to bewail our lot. We understand perfectly our position as a Southern fraternity and accept its disadvantages, if any there be, along with its unquestionable advantages. It is not clear that fraternities flourish greatly at large colleges like Harvard. It is a source of pride, no doubt, to have chapters at large institutions of great repute, but the practical profit, from the fraternity point of view, is believed to be slight. The chapter at the small college has more of the true fraternity spirit. It is more devoted, more loyal, more willing to abide by fraternity laws, more given to paying fraternity dues.

Our fraternity values all its chapters equally, regarding each as an essential part of an organic whole. Each has its function in our economy. Leadership in Kappa Alpha affairs falls naturally to the maturer men at the larger institutions, if they exhibit zeal and ability commensurate with their advantages. Otherwise the men at the less advanced institutions, ever loyal to the Order, and bearing the chief burden of its support, will direct its course as best they can. That chapter is best which best maintains within itself the standard of conduct our obligations prescribe, and at the same time best performs its duty to the Order at large. Tried by this test, the chapter at our smallest college is the peer of any. Its record during the past year was simply perfect. Merit and demerit, according to my reports, are not sequences of mere numbers, but are to be traced to subtler sources. Our principle of aggregation, after all, is not pride, but fraternal love. In the warmth of its glow all differences vanish.

S. Z. A.

September 30, 1892.

Gamma's Plan.

I trust that the nature of my message to our Order is sufficient apology in itself for the small space that I beg of you in our JOURNAL. I am delighted to say that Gamma Chapter has this night unanimously placed herself in line with those chapters which are striving to raise a "Chapter House Fund." Our plan is simple, and while we may be some time in accomplishing our purpose, yet we trust that our expectations may some day be realized and that we may have a building of our own. Here is the beginning. Brother Edward Francis Lovell, Jr., has kindly donated to our chapter the proceeds which will accrue to us from the sale of five badges. This will amount to about fifty dollars, and this is to be the nucleus of our fund. In honor of Brother Lovell, the first man that ever gave so liberally to Gamma, we will call it "The Lovell Chapter House Fund." Our plan further is this: To select five men as trustees for this fund, three being elected to serve for life, while the chapter elects from its number two whose term of office lasts during the college year. One of the three trustees for life has been already elected, viz., Brother Lovell himself, of Savannah, Ga., and the other two will be selected at our next meeting. The two brothers to serve for the year have been already selected, and are Brothers William Wadley and myself. This is the beginning of our fund, and already we have gotten some subscriptions. I write this in order that all may get a correct idea of our plan and also that our sister chapters may know something of Gamma. Any contributions may be sent to us here and will be thankfully received. We may be fifteen years in getting a house, but then time works wonders and little beginnings have sometimes no small endings. We trust this will not prove moonshine, and I for one do n't believe it will.

HUGH MANSON DORSEY.

Practical Patriotism.

THE NATION'S PRESENT NEED.

THERE are at least two great divisions of patriots. There is the patriot who, once aroused to the necessity of effort, enthused by the inspiration of conditions, is ready to labor for, to fight for, and even to die for his country. His love for his land is an absorbing passion. The drum and fife thrill him through his hearing; the soft folds of his nation's flag thrill him through his sight. Convinced that his nation is in danger, he rushes devotedly to preserve its peace, prosperity, and liberty. To this patriot his love of country outweighs every other affection. There is much in such a nature to be admired, more to be loved, but still, to the analytic, much of that patriotism appears due to animal excitement.

The second patriot is the calm patriot. He also may well be called the practical patriot. In war he goes willingly into danger, in peace he desires to strengthen and maintain his country's power and prestige, and by peaceful means to further develop the resources of his country and its government that it may gain greater admiration from foreign races. He never allows his interest to die out. No oratory nor drum-throb is necessary to arouse his love for his country. It may not be so intense as some people's love at times, but it is more certain, continuous, and steady. He realizes that in peace there is more danger to a strong nation than in war; for he knows that many ardent spirits are asleep in their fancied security, and the seeds of weakness and destruction are at that time being sown.

No weight of business can prevent this patriot from acquainting himself as far as possible with the design of the political parties, and, exercising his judgment, he arrays himself with the party advocating those principles which seem most beneficial to the entire country.

He is not led to blindly vote for corrupt candidates, for he knows that the true theory of a great political party is neither "measures not men," nor "men not measures," but "measures and men."

This patriot does not overlook all contests but national contests, but on the contrary he realizes that to maintain a pure government the smaller elections are as important in the end as the larger. No matter of this kind is too small to deserve and receive his attention.

This patriot may be interested in some business, profession, or scholarly pursuit, but he will never forget that he owes to the past, the present and the future to aid in the preservation of the purity of government and the justness of legislation, which are the guarantees of liberty.

This patriot is as much of a patriot on Sunday as on any Fourth of July, and he loves his country as much when singing snatches of an opera as when singing the "Star Spangled Banner." The practical patriot not only realizes that government must be wise in plan and administered in purity, but he knows that to make a nation great the individuals composing it must contain elements of greatness. He will aid in suppressing all manner of evil by giving his vote for the enactment of legislation which will tend to that end, and by his personal efforts will endeavor to plant a spirit of morality and integrity where it is most needed.

Education being the best foundation upon which to erect liberal and true citizenship, the practical patriot will favor all personal efforts and legal measures tending to destroy ignorance and spread knowledge and cultivation.

Having no faith in illegitimate good, that gotten by dishonest means, he will frown upon all political jugglery and despise all political tricksters. Only good begotten by good is good to last, good to be trusted.

Thus grounded in devotion to his country, when war or times of peril come he is first to offer his services and his life to protect and save that which he has aided in making, maintaining and preserving while others slept; thus glorifying himself and glorifying his country in that it has produced such a son.

Such is a brief description of what I call a practical patriot. All that is mentioned as characteristic of him might be termed elements of practical patriotism; which seems to be the need of a nation in peace, especially one like our own. This country is now more in need of practical patriots than it ever was during any of the great wars that have swept over it. The problems presented are more serious than the contending with foreign foes; they are in relation to perpetuating our free institutions against the invasion of false ideas, and against the ingratiating princi-

ples of the demagogues who in order to flourish lead the ignorant and unwise after vagaries and delusions.

That college or institution of learning that fails to fit, not to mention unfitting, men for patriotic citizenship is worse by far than useless. Education is first desirable for developing in the men those qualities which better enable them to perform all the duties of manhood, and to better serve their country and their God. All besides this is but pandering to individual pleasure and ambition, and all such pleasure and ambition, however refined, is selfish and therefore gross.

The educated man should lead his fellows, form their opinions, and fashion their governments. All true men at college, accomplishing themselves in science and various branches of polite learning, should also study to be felt in some way in life and in affairs, striving to become able to make general life better and happier by their efforts and achievements.

Young men, students at college, study to be active, practical patriots! By this means you can aid your fellow men and your country, and at the same time honor your *alma mater* by showing to those unlettered that education fits rather than unfits you for solving the great questions of living in peace, happiness, and prosperity.

I Sing to Thee.

I lift my voice to sing to thee, my friend;
For thou alone art worthy of the name
And all the hidden meaning it implies!
Mæcenæ never to his Horace was
So true a friend as thou hast been to me.
Thy friendship's nobler than that antetype
For this: Mæcenæ loved the genius
Before he loved the man, as one admires
The unseen tree from tasting of its fruit.
But thou hast been my friend for this
Alone, for me, for me as man.
Not caught by any brilliancy of act,
Or word, or countenance or worth,
That men the most admire in men;
But rather thou, from youth to now unknown,
Unhonored, and unsought by men,
Hast known and sought and thus hast honored me.
No wealth hast thou to lavish on thy friend;

Thy friendship, nobler far than golden coin,
Has blessed, enriched, and comforted far more
Than baser treasure ever could.
I hold that friendship is a noble love,
And ranks with any love men ever know.
I find a perfect friend in thee, and bless
Thee, friend, in humble song.
No lofty flight my soul essays in these
Few lines. A simple tribute from the heart
It uttereth.
Its music springs from strings attuned
To artless chords for artless strains designed.
May each year passing keep thee, friend, in peace
And crown thy every labor with success.
I trust that, blessing others, thou in turn
Receive some reflex blessing; best of all!

Our Future.

THE generality of mankind spend more time in speculating on the future than in studying the history of the past. The individual finds it infinitely more pleasant to build an air castle and put himself in possession thereof than to dwell among the failures of his previous life. Whether profitable or not, it can not fail to be a pleasant employment for every Kappa Alpha to picture to himself the future of his fraternity; and the writer believes that a practical benefit can be derived therefrom. This article is not written as an effort of the imagination, but as a reasonable consideration of what the past and present justify us in expecting.

What the future of the American college fraternity will be is purely a matter of speculation. It is an American originality. European universities have never had organizations of exactly similar character, and we can gain no knowledge from that source. Their continuance, however, for at least a century is almost assured. Wherever a large number of students—at least of American students—are thrown together, congeniality of temperament, equality of social standing, and other affinities will draw them into secret and exclusive societies. The Greek letter fraternity seems to have met the demand perfectly, and is now a powerful factor in American college life without the objectionable features usually presented by a clique. Nevertheless it may

lose its present popularity and be supplanted by organizations better suited to meet the social and intellectual wants of the student of the future. It is also possible that, as fraternities increase in wealth and numbers, their very prosperity may defeat the ends for which they were organized and bring about their final dissolution. But both of these views are wholly unwarranted by the present condition of affairs, and it is reasonable to expect that some existing fraternities are destined to celebrate centennials of their foundation, if not to co-exist with American colleges.

The growth of fraternities will necessarily be very great. New colleges are constantly springing up in our oldest States, and the occupation of these alone will largely increase the number of chapters; but the vast increase in the number of colleges which is coming with the further development of the West and South will present an almost unlimited field for the invasion of existing and the organization of new fraternities. The writer does not doubt that the national fraternities and those which think extension the prime object of existence will be able, within half a century, to boast of more than one hundred chapters. Such a large body would be unmanageable by one set of general officers, and a division into different commanderies would be necessary. It is further possible that the field of action may cease to be restricted to this country and that chapters may be placed in European universities. The entrance of Canadian institutions by a few northern organizations is a step in this direction. It is at least possible that some fraternity, finding a goodly number of its members taking courses at the same foreign university, may grant them a charter. Others would not be slow to follow, if the experiment proved successful, and Europe would receive another blessing from the New World. So much for the eschatology of the Greek-letter society in general.

To descend to a subject less abstract and more interesting to the readers of the JOURNAL, we will view the prospects of our branch of the Greek family. Twenty-seven years ago our founders had no guarantee that the infant Kappa Alpha Order would ever be known beyond the walls of the college that gave it birth. We, who to-day view it as the fraternity of the South, can not hope to witness as great a change as have they; but we can with confidence expect to see its number of chapters increased, its possessions multiplied, and its alumni occupying the most honorable offices of the land. As the only Southern frater-

nity opposed to Northern extension, it is our evident mission to expand with the growing South. Admitting that our territory is fully occupied, we would be blind indeed not to foresee the openings that are before us. A discussion of the probabilities of new institutions and of the prospects of those which now hold our chapters may be of interest.

It is not the policy of Americans to centralize education, and the number of institutions for higher education which are constantly arising to meet the demands of increasing population and the still greater increase in intelligence is amazing. The most magnificent of recent undertakings in this direction are the Leland Stanford University and the University of Chicago; but there are no less than seven colleges and universities with good prospects to be opened this fall. Of our own institutions Johns Hopkins, Vanderbilt, the University of the South, the University Texas, and one or two others of the best have been organized since the war. It is not fabulous to suppose that within one hundred years the South will be in education where the North is now; and that Alabama will have within her bounds as many colleges and college men as Massachusetts has to-day. If the presumption be a true one, a vast field will be opening from now till then for Kappa Alpha enterprise.

At the close of the year 1891 eighteen of the thirty-one institutions where we are now represented reported an attendance of over two hundred students. The whole number of students in attendance at these eighteen colleges was in round numbers seven thousand. At the same time seven Massachusetts colleges reported an aggregate attendance of six thousand five hundred. There are probably not more than six hundred and fifty students at the three Alabama colleges of good standing where Kappa Alpha has chapters. This is in some respects an unfair comparison, and, for the credit of the South, be it remembered that Alabama was almost a wilderness when the Bay State was a manufacturing center; that her population is not as large and half of this is African; and that, while most States export to others as many students as they import, Massachusetts receives decidedly more than she sends. The century which Alabama lacks of the age of her New England sister will place her on the high plane of education which the latter now enjoys. The same condition will exist all over Dixie. As certainly as the population of the South continues to increase from internal sources and from immigration, so surely will new and handsomely en-

dowed colleges be organized to instruct her youth. Existing institutions will neither receive all the patronage of the future nor be supplanted. Amherst and Williams, Boston University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have sprung up and flourished under the very nose—pardon the expression—of Harvard without detriment to the last. The time can not be far off when Mississippi, Arkansas and Florida will have colleges worthy of a Kappa Alpha chapter. Texas alone is larger than the German Empire. If her people are destined to multiply in number and increase in intelligence until she contains one half as many inhabitants one half as cultured as our Tentonic friends what an increased demand there will be for university education! And Kappa Alpha will live to see and to take advantage of the day. The writer is not so crazy on the extension subject that he longs for other worlds to conquer. He wants Kappa Alpha to be represented only in the very best of the Southern colleges of the future.

Just in proportion as the colleges of the South improve, is the future of Kappa Alpha sure. That our Order's future will be glorious is not a mere air castle of one of its admirers, but a "coming event" already foreshadowed. The past and present form a solid foundation for the erection of a still more glorious superstructure. A measure of success is sure to attend our efforts in the future.

There is an obvious reason for the fact that Kappa Alpha can not boast of distinguished alumni. The oldest member of the Order is not yet sixty years of age, and the great majority are under thirty. But, if we consider that more than four hundred medals—a small part of college honors—were won by the Kappa Alphas whose names are in our recently issued catalogue, we may not be immodest in predicting that this intellect is bound to assert itself. We may never have a brother in the White House, but our ranks undoubtedly hold men who are to be leaders of thought and action throughout the South.

If the writer lives his three-score and ten, he will have fifty-two years in which to watch the progress of his fraternity. During that time he hopes to see several new chapters established and Beta, Pi and Tau revived. He expects to see many costly chapter houses erected, alumni chapters with handsome club rooms founded in our Southern cities, and brotherly love continued and strengthened. It will be a bitter disappointment if he does not live to see a chapter residence or lodge room worth

\$10,000 adorning the campus of his *alma mater*. And it will speak poorly for the value of Kappa Alpha associations and the estimation in which they are held by us if, when the number of our city alumni is sufficiently increased, the Kappa Alphas of Richmond, Atlanta, New Orleans, Nashville and other places do not own and frequent brown-stone-front club houses as comfortable as those possessed by Northern Greeks in New York city.

One of the wisest things a poet ever said is the line, "Do noble things, not dream them all day long." Flattering as our prospects are, the future will be what we make it and nothing more. Let us briefly study the best means of realizing our hopes.

Two things which we especially need as "internal improvements" are the State association and the alumni chapter. The usefulness of the latter is recognized by all, but the former has been so generally neglected that its value can not be fully appreciated. The writer has seen one or two State meetings of other fraternities and knows that they were of great value, both to the active members for whose benefit they were held and incidentally to alumni. The deliberations of such a body may not be of vast importance to the Order at large, though chapter methods may be discussed and advice and experience exchanged. But the enthusiasm which is generated is the best result. Only one man from each chapter can attend the general convention; but at a State convention every chapter in the State is expected to be represented en masse. We know that forty or fifty Kappa Alphas in the warmth and demonstration of youth could not be together long without having their fraternity enthusiasm greatly rekindled. A "stag" banquet can be set for \$1.50 per plate; and it would be impossible for the weakest sort of Kappa Alpha, after many months of boarding-house fare, to sit down, together with half a hundred of his brethren, to turkey and oysters and other luxuries without being rejoiced in the inner man—in more ways than one—and without feeling and showing affection to the brother at his elbow and realizing more keenly than ever before the pleasant relations that exist between that brother and himself. The State association can be made a success if taken hold of with energy, and has been made a success by Louisiana Kappa Alphas. Is enthusiasm needed only by our general officers? Let us neglect so important a means of improvement no longer.

There is another matter of significance which requires correction. Nothing dampens a chapter's enthusiasm more than the nonappearance of its letter in the JOURNAL and nothing disappoints any reader as much as a small number of letters. Every chapter has at least one member who writes well and takes a pleasure in writing. Elect that man C. S. and if he neglects so easy yet so important a duty, five dollars is a small fine for your by-laws to inflict.

The writer does not believe that the Order's welfare will be advanced by any considerable change in our constitution or ritual. The trouble is that we do not live up to our standard.

We also need a higher conception of the dignity and importance of our Order. As we are a secret organization everything that tends to publicity tends to lower our dignity. The writer knows nothing about the South Carolina chapter referred to by the K. C. in the last issue of the JOURNAL, but he has been informed that one of our Georgia chapters has been exceedingly careless in the same matter. All of us have room for improvement on this line.

Verily, these things I write unto you in no spirit of fault-finding or reproach. If you have been guilty in one of these points, the writer has been guilty in all. It is because he wishes to hasten the day of Kappa Alpha supremacy that he urges you and pledges himself to avoid such derelictions in the future. In what that they determined to do, have Kappa Alphas ever failed?

ALUMNUS.

The Opinion of One.

A YEAR of discussion by the officers of the fraternity enables each of us to express an opinion as to the worth of the new chapter law, and, too, there is but little further to be written except the expression of that opinion, still of such importance is the question and so great the difference among the learned ones that the pages of our magazine might well contain, for another year, the belief of those interested in the success of Kappa Alpha.

The time, if the time ever was, when the chief business of the Knight Commandership had been the establishment of new chapters has well come to end by this law of the Birmingham convention. The law, however, like all other laws of radical

change must be subject to amendments to meet conditions not thought of at the forming.

The chapters have a sensibility, a false pride it may be, concerning the status of new chapters that alumni feel not, for only the active members come into contact with the unexpressed taunts of rival fraternities. By the alumni such would be ignored, but one remembers that our active Kappa Alphas are college youths, not all of whom are as yet above the plane of college braggadocio. These brothers recognize the necessity of control by older ones, but do wish some voice when it comes to bringing new brothers into Kappa Alpha and among them by creating new chapters near home. And in justice to the State chapters the clause of "State rights" should be maintained. The law, as it is written, is weakened by (1) the K. C. having no official notice of the proposed chapter until the papers come for approval or rejection, (2) giving the Advisory Board the power of vetoing the K. C.'s veto.

The right of K. C. to grant preliminary permission to bind the proposed charter members should be preserved to him, such permission, of course, would be given subject to reversal under the fuller information that comes of the action of the Advisory Board. We are not to consider that such permission is the final opinion of our chief executive, and therefore the State chapters and the Advisory Board would be influenced in their action no more than had the permission not been given. We know that it is an occurrence of frequency almost for an order to refuse a charter to those who have been proposed and pledged as members. With us the practice seems to have been to give permission and then a charter.

The Knight Commander should have final action; be responsible only to the convention. I fear with the power of compelling them to grant a charter the Advisory Board will become the Dictating Board. We love to consider ours a military order, and it has been argued that as such we can't have the newly created Board. Are we then to have a general without counselors? a commander without subordinates? Are we, as an organized army, to trust to what information our chief can accumulate by chance? Ought we to force him to get all the required knowledge without help?

The list of inactive and extinct chapters does show errors of the executive. Theta, Tau, and Upsilon were all established in opposition to stringent (and known) anti-fraternity laws and

died. Theta and Tau were both revived under the same conditions and soon perished again. An Advisory Board, even had there been no legislation in 1891 upon this subject, would hardly approve *sub rosa* chapters unless the outlook for repeal of the laws of opposition was quite favorable. Mu, Xi, and Sigma are the only chapters established in secrecy that may be said to conquer the faculty. When Chi was established, I understand, the anti-frat. laws were of no force; Alpha-Theta has not been with us long enough yet to begin a fight. The extinct chapters perished with their mushroom houses, or because of no material. That we are stronger because of Beta no one doubts, for Beta died of that of which all are in some danger. We hardly boast that Nu Prime, Xi Prime, or Omicron Prime have added strength enough to justify the writing of their charters. And when we speak of how much stronger or weaker these chapters for which we mourn have made our Order we might think the Order would have been still stronger had some of the living chapters never been.

At Alpha-Beta we favor the intent of the new law and believe some changes would overcome in part many of the objections, but rather than go back to the old irresponsible way we prefer that progress be completely blocked for a time.

Kappa Alpha Dies.

WERE I asked to define Kappa Alpha I should say that it means "brotherhood." It goes beyond the limits of a college wall and finds its boundary wherever reaches the influence of Southern colleges. It goes to the home of the student and warmed by his enthusiasm catches fire in the bosom of its every inmate and Kappa Alpha is a household word. His sister feels honored in wearing his badge and his brother longs to be a member of so noble an order.

With three exceptions, I believe, our fraternity has entered every State in the South, and so numerous are its members that a distress cry in Virginia could be heard along the whole line via Texas to Missouri. This vast number of friends is constantly moving and in their travels one loves to see the badge of the shield and cross. I am many years a member and my enthusiasm is not abated. My best friends are Kappa Alphas,

and I have yet to meet a scoundrel who wears the crimson and gold. Occasionally I find an indifference on the part of certain alumni. They shake your hand carelessly and have no interest in your welfare. They look upon the Order as the product of a schoolboy's imagination and as one utterly incapable of benefiting a man in maturer years. As a rule, such men were poor students at college and a burden to the fraternity. A man who subscribes to the sublime teachings of our ritual and constitution, takes the vow and does his duty, can never forget that Kappa Alpha means friendship.

This then is the purport of my article—to strengthen the bond between alumni. Our badge and our grip should be a passport into any home and false is the brother who dishonors it. Next to the Bible our Kappa Alpha History and Catalogue should be our chief book. Those without it should procure a copy. Read it, study it, learn the whereabouts of your old friends and when you visit their city look them up. Nothing gives me more genuine pleasure than to entertain a club-mate and I, with such sentiment, am only one of hundreds. The ranks of our alumni are increasing—we are now a small army. Let us not forget the object of our Order but prove to the world by close friendship and loyalty that the days of Damon and Pythias are not past.

We live in a fast age. Money-making seems to be the only occupation and most young men have caught the craze. It seems that one has little time for friends. Gold is the power and nearly all are grasping for it. But there must come a time in every man's life when he shall need a friend and the experience of mankind will verify my statement.

A man's capacity for making and holding friends is, as I take it, a true index to his character. Show me a man with a big soul that reaches out and touches humanity, with a soul that *feels* and a heart that *loves* and I'll show you a gentleman, a philanthropist, a hero. What a pleasure and satisfaction to know that such a man is your friend. Do you know that scores of just such men belong to our order? It is your fault, brother, that you do not know them. Selfishness has blinded you and you are asleep to your own interest.

Let's all be friends; let's broaden our ideas of living; let's reach out and grasp a hand in our march through life; let's shake off the dry rot of selfishness and greed and cease to live at a poor dying rate; let's be true men, liberal, self-sacrificing,

magnanimous ; let 's live for a purpose, and, with " Excelsior " as our motto, no man of us shall die an ignominious death.

FRANK M. STAFFORD.

The Limitations of the Greek Press.

THE writer is led to urge that fraternity magazines be given more latitude in the choice of their contents, because he is expected to furnish a contribution to one and finds himself at a loss for a theme. The JOURNAL, perhaps, restricts itself least of all, since it is occasionally pointed at as being unique, in that its contributors sometimes stray into fields which allow the fancy more play than do chapter and college history, biography of members, statistics, and controversy on those omnipresent innovations in fraternity policy, either proposed or newly adopted, which to different minds are full of such varying possibilities. But even the JOURNAL is not sufficiently emancipated. This may be due to a want of versatility in the contributors rather than to the absence of catholicity in the editors.

To say the least, the Greek press is too much devoted to the formal and external aspects of fraternity life ; to say the most, the Greek press is too much devoted to fraternity life, from whatever standpoint you take it.

A fraternity can be regarded from two points of view. From one it is a body, from the other a soul. The organization—the constitution, the officers, the reports—is but a lodgement for the spirit, which nourishes friendship and teaches nobility. The best men are wont to regard their souls as themselves, and their bodies as incidents. The fraternity is not merely a society whose object is accomplished by the adoption of a constitution, and holding itself subject to the call of the president ; if it were, the present style of prosaic literature would be all that would be demanded ; but it claims as its province the cultivation of our purest attributes, and regards organization as a means, so that the fraternity's original purpose should not be lost sight of in its periodical literature. Symbolism is its right arm. The stars and crescent, the scrolls and crosses, the swords and shields, whose meaninglessness the Phillistine has wondered at, become splendid when looked at with the new vision. It is strange, then, that those created to point out the difference between form

and substance should be found blundering where they thus claim to be priests and prophets. For it seems that in this talk exclusively about chapter houses and conventions and constitutional changes the reasons for there ever being any chapter houses and conventions are lost sight of. There can be no doubt that it is the seal of secrecy which keeps the pages of the magazines silent as to every thing which pertains to the soul of the Order. But there are many features common to all orders alike, which furnish material for endless comment. Just as strangers, with nothing in common but their humanity, may converse entertainingly, and yet impersonally.

The tendency to lose sight of ultimate aims is observable throughout the whole range of fraternity activity. When a chapter's organization is perfect, when its membership is all that could be desired, when it is well quartered, and in every way well provided for, it has merely arranged the preliminaries. Yet when the initiations for the year are over with, and the chapter is thrown back on itself for something to interest itself in, like a man on a dull rainy day, it is led to doubt that there ever was any real reason for its being. If possible, we should avoid the necessity of such reflections as are likely to come to a man, seriously inclined, when the ball is over with. As he finds himself undoing the finery of his toilet, which a few hours ago he collected and put together with so much pains, he is likely to ask himself, "Well, really, was the thing worth all this trouble?" We approach here a problem whose existence we have all at some time realized, and yet about which there is very little said. What tangible occupation shall a fraternity have? Its province is merely the exerting of an influence, which business is not only intangible, but also not calculated to hold the attention of careless beings like ourselves. How many a man has retained his respectability, even more, striven upward, simply from the reflection that the name he bears is that of an illustrious family? It is from the traditions and the ensigns, from the counsel and company of the members, of these college aristocracies that we are led toward the higher life. Thus, unlike debating societies or glee or literary clubs, they do not find the fulfillment of their aims in the meeting hall; so that some specific pursuit, partaking of the spirit of the fraternity, and yet calculated to excite our constant interest, which will furnish matter for discussion in meetings, and will tangibly represent the fraternity idea in our daily lives, is eminently desirable.

While some journals seem to cling to government reports as their ideals, others are beginning to furnish us with a fund of entertaining literature dealing with the philosophy and picturesqueness of the manifold phases of Greek life. This is virgin ground for editorial tillage; in entering which fraternity magazines will not be transcending, but on the contrary recognizing their legitimate boundaries.

When it is said that the Greek press is too much devoted to fraternity life, in general, it is not meant that it should become literary—that is, that it should give place to matter on whatever theme, provided it contained ideas expressed in good language. For this is the sphere of the great magazines. Nor on the other hand would we have it a birthplace for the disquisitions of the Sophomore on the multitudinous questions and problems which so trouble his spirit. For this is the realm of the college paper.

There are particular classes of thoughts and sentiments peculiar to college boys. The taste which makes Emerson's essays popular furnishes the possibility of fraternities. Character and intellect, experience and politics, heroism and love, fill the thoughts of the student, and are the invariable themes for the writing which flows from his pen. On such ideas fraternities are more dependent than they are on constitutions and by-laws. Broadly stated, whatever treats of the principles which fraternities inculcate, or with the subject-matter with which they deal—with youth and ambition, with the love of beauty and purity and truth—is not inappropriate to the pages of a fraternity magazine.

AUGUSTUS BENNERS.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Washington and Lee opened on September 8, and the prospects are flattering for a successful session. Two hundred and twenty-five men have already matriculated, and the usual number of stragglers will be heard from later.

Alpha returned six me. We miss the absent ones very much. As yet we have no initiations to report, but time may tell in this respect. We have one transfer from Alpha-Epsilon, Mr. Chester McRae, of Camden, Ark. There have been very few "goats" in college up to this time. Most of the fraternities represented are numerically weak this year.

We are much pleased with the catalogue for 1891-92. The reports of the officers of the fraternity are excellent, and they contain much wise advice by which we should profit.

An unusually large number of men are applying for the football eleven. They are all in charge of our recently appointed physical director, Mr. F. W. Cobb, a Harvard graduate. We expect great things of the team of 1892. We will not have a representative on the team this year, but Mr. Sale will manage it. Mr. Carmichael, last year's captain, has retired from the "turf," and is devoting himself exclusively to law. We hope many of our Kappa Alpha brethren will be on the teams which visit us this fall.

Mr. G. B. Lee, of Virginia, was recently elected president of the Final Ball by a large majority. This is the honor most sought after in college. His opponent was a Kappa Sigma, while Mr. Lee is a Sigma Chi.

We trust that this year will be a very prosperous one to our beloved Order. With best wishes for our sister chapters, we close.

GAMMA.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Once again has the old University of Georgia thrown open its doors to the college boy. We are greeted on all sides by familiar faces and cordial shakes of the hand. There are lots of new

boys here, and from these, although we did not secure many new men, we secured excellent ones, and succeeded in getting four victims for our goat, which had been in a dormant state for some-time, and we now have the pleasure of introducing to the members of our Order Brothers W. A. McDougald, Columbus, Ga.; Frank Harrington, West Point, Ga.; Percy Ezell, Eatonton, Ga., and Claude Fleming, of Augusta, Ga. All are fine young men, and are great acquisitions to the chapter.

We have started out by securing the majority of the military officers, viz., adjutant, one lieutenant, sergeant-major, first and second sergeants of Company A; also first and second sergeants of Company B, besides two corporals; and this is an exceedingly fine showing for us, I think.

Again, in the social line Brother Bower has been elected president of the O. B. German Club. Then our worthy and estimable brother G. M. is editor in chief of the *University Magazine*, and and your humble C. S. holds the position of vice-president of the Athletic Association. Are not all of these honors to be proud of?

As the fraternity "rushing" is about over now, we are all buckling down to work in good style. We have now before us another year of hard study, and we hope to add fresh laurels to those won in the past.

To all chapters Gamma sends greeting, and wishes them a happy and prosperous year.

DELTA.

WOFFORD COLLEGE.

Last year there were fourteen enthusiastic men to uphold the Kappa Alpha banner in Wofford, but only seven of the old, familiar faces are back. Delta is represented by but one member in the Senior class, Brother Craighead, who will not return until the middle of this month. Brother Craighead's absence is particularly felt, as he is the newly elected G. M.

But lack of numbers and the absence of the G. M. have not prevented Delta from securing already one of the most promising members of the Freshman class. The new member is Philip Henry Stoll, a younger brother of Brother Charles W. Stoll, who graduated from Delta two years ago.

Besides this, Delta has her critical eye fixed on three other new students, whose names will doubtless be recorded on the Kappa Alpha roll before another letter is written to the JOURNAL.

Some anxiety was expressed at the close of last session as to

what would be the strength of our chapter at the fall opening, as only a small number would return. This subject has hardly been mentioned since the opening of college. It has been drowned by enthusiasm and almost totally forgotten. Delta is imbued to the fullest extent with the spirit of the motto on the "banner bearing the strange device." It is the predominating sentiment in all our actions.

We know we lost a strong support in the brothers who have left us. But we take it that they are even, because they, too, once had to fill the places of retiring men. The strongest self-respect, the truest type of manhood, the firmest foundation, comes from work—honest, hard, manly work. Kappa Alpha is in her enviable position because of work; and because of work she will go higher still.

Kappa Alpha at Wofford is at present peculiarly situated. We try to be the most superior fraternity in college, and we believe we succeed. This year did not bring Wofford the students she expected, but the most excellent material has been invited to join us, and all signs indicate that every invitation will be accepted. This will put Kappa Alpha much farther ahead relatively than she has ever been before; and every one will see at a glance the advantage we will have when depression raises from South Carolina, and colleges are more liberally patronized.

At the last election in college we were entirely shut out, with the exception of Brother DuPre, who was given the most responsible office to which his class is eligible.

In the election for editors of the *Journal* we were as though we had not been. Neither of the candidates for chief editor (one of whom was a Kappa Alpha) received the necessary two-thirds majority, and a "dark horse" (in other words, a "non-frat") was run in. We did not get two thirds of the votes cast; but when Commencement came and the medals were awarded, when every man was impartially judged by his individual abilities, then we had a two thirds majority. The science medal was won by Brother W. J. Cocke's splendid essay, and Brother J. D. Craighead took the Preston essay medal over an unusually large and able number of competitors. The Calhoun medal was taken by a Sigma Alpha Epsilon. So we just went ahead and elected ourselves, everybody else to the contrary notwithstanding.

Brother Lyon has presented to the chapter an ornament for the hall which would be hard to excel in beauty, neatness, and usefulness. It is a table cover of red plush, on which is worked in

bold relief the fraternity badge. The chapter pin is represented as thrust twice through the red cloth background, and the chain hangs gracefully under the badge. The whole presents the appearance of a large badge pinned to the front of the table cover. The cloth was made for Kappa Alpha by Brother Lyon's sister, Mrs. McDill, of Abbeville.

The annual catalogue is quite a success. It is encouraging to look at the records of sister chapters and see how high Kappa Alpha's banner is borne all over the fair Southland. Beta's record could hardly be surpassed for the honors she has taken.

Delta is sorry that she is deficient in some things. Our faults have already been spoken of in chapter meeting, and improvement will be the order of the day hereafter.

Brother Lucas, who was recently elected our G. S., did not return, nor did Brother Rembert, our C. S. Hence, the delay in forwarding a chapter letter.

EPSILON.

EMORY COLLEGE.

With the opening of every fall term, the spiking season dates its beginning also. The boys poured into old Emory this time from all quarters; but Kappa Alpha was on the lookout for the best ones, and she got them this time, as has been her custom in the past.

Our success in the spiking line was simply beyond the bounds of expectation. We have badged six as fine men as could be found among the hundred new boys that joined our college ranks at opening of the session. It is with a feeling of pride that I introduce to the Kappa Alpha Fraternity Brothers J. E. and M. P. Hall, and Brother J. D. Boyd, all of Griffin, Ga.; Brother A. H. Allen, Columbus, Ga.; Brother Atys P. Hilton, and Brother J. J. Flanders, both of Sylvania, Ga. Certainly Epsilon was never in better condition than she is to-day in the matter of membership. We have watched our chances and selected only the very best material—men who will do us honor. We returned thirteen old men, so that we have now nineteen members in all. They are classified and officered as follows: Senior class, Milner W. (1 and 9), Harris (8), King (2), Brooks (3), Bush (5), Pasco. Junior class, Dejarnette (7), Norris (6). Sophomore class, Pierce (4), Milner T., Banks, Allen, Flanders, Hilton. Freshman class, E. and P. Hall, Boyd, Hardeman, Day. There are three other fraternities in college that have larger

chapters than we have. These are the Phi Delta Theta, the Alpha Tau Omega, and the Sigma Nu. But it is not a part of our policy to gain strength by members, but rather to seek the the highest development of each individual member.

The inter-club relation of the different chapters here is very pleasant now. There is a friendly co-operation of all parties which is exceedingly healthful to fraternity growth.

The S. A. E. Fraternity has re-established a chapter at Emory. They have made a very good start and we trust they will gain a good foothold and prosper.

Brothers Scaife, Wilson, and Perry, who were with us last year, will not return again this fall.

Brother Lewis, who dropped out of college nearly a year ago, will return in the spring session.

Lawn tennis is the popular sport of the day now. Brother W. G. Hardeman has a very handsome tennis court on the campus beneath some gigantic, spreading oaks. It is a beautiful place and a very popular resort with the boys.

Our boys who went out with the class of 1892 are continuing in the world the good records which they began in college. Brother Pound (Ex. 3 and 5) has charge of a flourishing school at Elko, Ga., and from the way he has begun, he bids fair to become as distinguished an educator as is his brother, Jere M. (Gamma), who is now president of Gordon Institute, Barnesville, Ga. Leon P. Smith (Ex. 1) has taken unto himself a helpmeet, and is Professor of Latin Languages and Literature in Lagrange Female College. Brother Bruce (Ex. 2) is following the pedagogic profession in the land of flowers. Brother Hugh Foreman is in the real estate business at Madison, Ga.

We were delighted to have Brother A. J. Burr (1 of Nu, '89), of Griffin, with us for a short while recently. He is a noble knight, and has won much honor for the Order.

College prospects are better this term than ever before. The attendance is larger, and the boys seem to be more enthusiastic over their work. Everything seems to promise abundant success for Epsilon during the coming year.

Epsilon wishes as much for her sisters.

MU.

ERSKINE COLLEGE.

Erskine College has opened with rather gloomy prospects, there being only forty boys in attendance the first week and not

much hopes of increase, owing to the hard times and scarcity of money. But in the face of all these facts, Mu Chapter is on a firm basis, having at the helm five members who will ever be ready to do all in their power to advance the interest of the "crimson cross." So far we have not initiated any new members, and to tell the truth, there is not much fraternity material to utilize, but we hope our brightest days are just head.

Our boys have all returned looking hale and hearty, showing that their vacation has been pleasant. Our chapter consists of one Senior, two Juniors, and two Freshmen. Our S. A. E. brethren have six men to start with.

Work is progressing rapidly on our new college building and we hope to occupy it in the course of a month. When completed it will be the most handsome building in the State.

Brother E. B. Kennedy, of Mu, and Brother John D. McNiel, of Rho, are both members of Erskine's Faculty for this year.

We hope to see cheering news from all our chapters in the next issue of the JOURNAL.

NU.

A. AND M. COLLEGE.

Time and opportunity have again offered us the great pleasure of speaking to our sister chapters through the JOURNAL. Nothing could be more enjoyable to us than to greet every sister chapter with our best wishes and to express our sincere desire for their success during the collegiate year just begun. To speak of Nu Chapter, we have the same old report to make. As in the past, though excelled in numbers by some other fraternities, she is still able to report that the Kappa Alpha boys at the A. and M. College have in them the same material that has made her prominent in days gone by. Nine of our members have been able to return to college, including four Seniors, R. L. Bivins, Joel Dumas, L. S. Smith, and J. F. Webb; two Juniors, C. F. DeBardleben and R. T. Dorsey; three Sophomores; H. C. Burr, Jr., R. E. Dumas, and W. C. McMillan.

On the 16th of September the "goat" begun his all important work with rewarded energy, the result of which, we feel assured, will prove a good animation to our chapter. The first initiated into the mystic ties was W. R. Daughtry, of Opelika, Ala., (Freshman class); the second was D. C. Tallichet, of Demopolis, Ala., (Freshman class); the third was W. W. Fulgham, of Birmingham, Ala., (Sophomore class); the fourth was S. A. Red-

ding, of Experiment, Ga., (Junior class); the fifth was J. W. Kelly, of Columbus, Ga., (Sophomore class). These five men are men of intelligence, full of congeniality, and will doubtless make influential men in college. And now, we are proud to introduce them to the Kappa Alpha world as men worthy of wearing the "gold and crimson." Hence, at present we have fourteen members.

Our prospects for success are as bright as we could expect. Brother Joel Dumas maintains the dignity of ranking Senior Captain. Brothers R. L. Bivins, L. S. Smith, and J. F. Webb are Lieutenants. Brother R. T. Dorsey is able to hold down the Junior class in military ranks from the fact that he is Sergeant-major. We are now well represented in the military department, holding the highest office in the Senior class and also in the Junior class. Moreover, we expect to have more officers in the Junior and Sophomore classes when promotions are made. And when Commencement of 1892 produces the Honor Roll of distinguished students, we hope to see Kappa Alpha represented as heretofore.

At a recent meeting of the chapter, officers were elected to fill the places of those who failed to return to college. The election was conducted with perfect harmony. Brother R. T. Dorsey was elected (3), left vacant by Brother J. H. Smith, Brother W. C. McMillan (4), left vacant by Brother H. C. Turner; Brother R. E. Dumas (8), left vacant by Brother R. P. Weedon.

We deem it not improper in this letter to speak a word of the advancement of our college. The fact that girls are allowed to attend our college does not necessarily mean that we are crowded out by them. To be sure, only three young ladies have decided to honor us with their presence. Perhaps this provision will prove a prosperous annexation to our college.

Athletics seems to be wielding a great influence on the boys this year. A well-equipped gymnasium department has been established here in the college building. Football and baseball occupy most all of our spare time. Auburn had occasion twice to meet Athens (Ga.) on the ball field. Once in the game of football when Auburn was crowned with success, and once in a game of baseball, when Athens was victorious. Auburn is extremely eager to meet Athens again on the baseball ground, where she expects to doubly regain the victory that she lost last June, in Montgomery. Auburn could well afford to be beaten last year, because she was just beginning to advocate athletic sports

as some other colleges are doing. Hence, she had only a few good players. But this year she has been successful in procuring splendid men for the baseball team and also for the football team. Therefore we feel sure that if Athens and Auburn should chance to play each other, Athens will meet her "Waterloo" as before in football, and exactly the same in baseball. Among the members of the baseball and football teams there are two men who attract special attention. These two men are Prof. McKissick and R. T. Dorsey, both Kappa Alphas. Prof. McKissick, the center rush of the football team, weighs a little more than two hundred pounds, and is strong in proportion. When he sets his powerful force against the opposite side he always "makes something happen." Dorsey, like the good old family horse, "works anywhere." In baseball he is one of our best players, and in football he is excelled by none.

It was the misfortune of Nu's members not to receive the midsummer JOURNAL, the C. S. only excepted. We are always ready to receive the JOURNAL, because in it we learn that Kappa Alpha means the same everywhere; we learn that the same fraternity feelings exist at other colleges as at Auburn; in short, we learn that a Kappa Alpha at Auburn is a Kappa Alpha everywhere else. For these and numerous other reasons we are made prouder and rejoice in the reality of being a Kappa Alpha. Perhaps the readers have heard enough from Nu at present. Hence, with fraternal greetings and with best wishes to all our sister chapters and with sincere desire that this may be the most successful year that they have ever enjoyed, we close.

XI.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

In point of numbers old Southwestern's opening was not up to the usual standard, but the general character of the new matriculates is very flattering. The wide extent of territory represented, together with young men representing all classes of society, from the humblest and poorest to the most affluent and conspicuous families in the State, all bespeaks a bright future for the University. But it is with deep sorrow that we record the death of our distinguished brother and Professor of Latin and Greek, Samuel G. Sanders. Appropriate resolutions on his death appear elsewhere in the JOURNAL. He was a rare and exemplary character, seldom met with in a lifetime. His death was a heavy blow to the University and an irreparable loss

to Xi Chapter. His place will be filled by a Phi of Johns Hopkins.

Xi's opening, though clouded by our deep bereavement, was very promising. Ten enthusiastic sons of Kappa Alpha reported for duty, four for graduation, viz., Hiram A. Boaz, B. S.; Henry E. Jackson, A.B.; R. William Baird, A.B.; John L. Brooks, A.M. Our new officers are: (1) John L. Brooks; (2) R. William Baird; (3) Henry E. Jackson; (4) Hiram A. Boaz; (5) W. Andrew Hemphill; (6) Evander M. Sweet; (7) Fredrick G. Eidman; (8) J. Philip Gibbs; (9) Walter K. Rucker. The remaining members are Stephen Worrell and two new initiates.

With pride and much pleasure we introduce to our brethren in Kappa Alpha, Brothers William Clifford Hogg, son of our present governor, James S. Hogg, and Robert Gibbs Mood, son of the illustrious first regent and founder of the Southwestern University, Dr. F. A. Mood. Both of these young men are worthy sons of distinguished fathers and the Kappa Alpha Order in general, and Xi Chapter in particular, have great reason for mutual gratulation on securing two such promising men. The fight was bitterly and doggedly contested by both of our rivals, Phi Delta Theta and Kappa Sigma, but the flag of the gold and crimson waves triumphantly o'er the hard won field.

Our general outlook for the future is bright. Phi Delta Theta opened with seven men, Kappa Sigma with six, Kappa Alpha with ten. We are a unit internally. We are determined to make this the best year of our history as a chapter.

The death of our beloved Professor and other unavoidable circumstances entailed thereby have somewhat delayed Xi's Chapter letter, but we will come on time henceforth.

OMICRON.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Again have the followers of the crimson and gold fallen into line. It is true that only four of last year's fourteen have returned, but fortunately we have received reinforcements, and the star of Kappa Alpha in the University of Texas is in the transcendent.

Our new men are Brothers Roy and Shelton. The former comes to us from the Southwestern University at Georgetown, fragrant with the zeal which has ever characterized old Xi. Brother Shelton hails from Vicksburg, Miss.

We have received our annual catalogues, and were very glad to get them, for they are replete with just the kind of advice and

information we need. You know ours is a new chapter, or at least a newly revived one, and we plead youth and inexperience for our shortcomings of last year.

We were very sorry that our C. H. was not able to send in a list of the honors taken by Omicron last year, but his excuse is a good one. In the midst of compiling his report he was taken violently ill, and was compelled to go North for his health, and neglected to take the necessary steps for the completion of his task. Among other honors we took the following: Representative of the Post-graduate class; editor in chief of *Magazine*; elocutionary medal; another medal offered for the best oration delivered by a member of elocution class; best all round record on Field Day; fraternity relay race, prize silver vase (this vase was contested for by all the fraternities.) A Kappa Alpha was chosen in the preliminary contest to represent the University of Texas in the intercollegiate oratorical contest at Nashville; debater's medal offered by society; president Athenæum Literary Society; also secretary and critic of same; local editor *Magazine*; fellow in Latin, fellow in Greek, and last, but not least, an invincible baseball team.

The following officers will serve Omicron for the ensuing year: (1), Roy; (2 and 9), Lefevre; (3 and 6), W. O. Crawford; (4), Morris Sheppard; (5 and 8), Williams; (7), Shelton.

UPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The University opened this year with nearly three hundred students. This is the best beginning that has been made in many years. There were, of course, among this number a great many new men and plenty of excellent material for the fraternities. There are ten Greek-letter fraternity chapters here and consequently the competition was sharp. Kappa Alpha was, as she ought always to be, conservative, considering carefully before inviting any one to become a member. We, however, made some excellent additions to our chapter. We initiated four, and now have the pleasure of presenting to the fraternity Frank Cook, of Louisburg, N. C., Frank Sanford, of Mocksville, N. C., William Devin, of Oxford, N. C., and Frank Short, of Washington, N. C., all of whom we doubt not will prove enthusiastic and devoted Kappa Alphas. The old members who came back this year were Brothers Percival H. Cook, Caswell Ellis, William Sanford, and William R. Robertson.

Brother H. B. Thomas, of Newberne, N. C., was with us at the opening of the session and gave us some very material assistance. We are very sorry he could not remain but hope to see him again the first of next year.

Brother Percival H. Cook bade his last farewell to Upsilon on the 22d of September, and we feel that in losing him we have lost one of our best workers. The revival of Upsilon was almost entirely due to the energetic and efficient efforts of Brother Cook. But we feel that we have not lost him altogether for it is still within his power to do good service for Kappa Alpha, and we know his love for the fraternity and his earnestness and devotion to its cause will prompt him to do all he can. Brother Cook received his license to practice law at the present sitting of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and Upsilon wishes him all honor and all success in the profession of his choice. Brother Arthur, who was here last year, also received his license to practice law at this term.

The K. C.'s report is quite a pleasure to Upsilon.

The University has some splendid material for athletics this year. We have the best prospects ever known for both baseball and football teams and we are going to try to make some of the larger institutions look to their laurels in these lines. Kappa Alpha is likely to be represented in both teams.

The following are the officers for this year: Caswell Ellis, G. M.; W. R. Robertson, S. M.; William Sanford, G. S.; Collin H. Harding, K. U., Purser and Censor; Francis N. Cooke, C. H.; William A. Devin, C. S.

It is with deep regret we chronicle the sad death of Brother Pierre Cox. A fitting memorial will be forwarded next time.

PHI.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

At 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, September 21, the college bell, which had been enwrapt in silence for three long, sultry summer months, was heard to ring with its usual wont. The sound of this bell summoned the students who had gathered from this and the adjoining States to collect in the different departments of the university, in order that each might be assigned to his several duties.

Only four Knights of the Crimson and Gold—viz., G. C. Ellis, M. G. Ormond, M. B. Inge, Jr., and the scribe—answered its summons. This was the remnant of last year's chapter that had

returned to battle for the cause of Kappa Alpha and uphold her banner, but they were enthusiastic, hard-working men, who knew their duty and were eager to commence laboring for the cause they love so well.

On the Monday morning on which school opened we held a meeting and elected several men, three of whom we initiated the following Friday night. On last Saturday (October 1) we again introduced a worthy man into the mysteries of our Order.

On the evening of October 7 two more were initiated, and I now have the pleasure, as well as the great honor, of introducing to the Order Brothers C. S. Ellis, of Greensboro, Ala.; J. G. Acton, of Trussville, Ala.; J. T. Green, of Verbena, Ala.; J. J. Christian, of Greensboro, Ala.; J. C. Craig, of Town Creek, Ala., and L. G. Waldrop, of Trussville, Ala. These are all worthy men, and, we feel assured, will be an honor to the Order. We have several other good men in view, our goat is in excellent condition, and the brothers need not be surprised if I chronicle some more of his good work in the near future.

We held our chapter elections at the first regular meeting, and they resulted as follows: G. C. Ellis (1 and 7), A. P. Webb (2 and 4), W. B. Inge, Jr. (3), Jas. T. Green (5), J. G. Acton (6), and C. S. Ellis (8 and 9).

Brother Ormond expected to have to leave college on account of his health in a few days, hence was not honored with an office, but I am happy to report has concluded to remain with us. The other two brothers who do not hold office have been initiated since the election.

In the dispensation of college honors Phi received only one, namely, an associate editorship on the staff of the *Southern University Monthly*, Brother G. C. Ellis being awarded this position by the Belle-lettres Society. He is the right man in the right place, and will, no doubt, reflect credit on this literary society which has seen fit to bestow the honor upon him. Perhaps Phi will receive further honors before the session closes.

We have secured a hall on the ground floor of the university building, and have begun repairing it in order that we may be able to hold our meetings in it. We hope with the assistance of our alumni soon to have an elegant hall.

Our school, owing to the stringency of the times, is not as full as it has been in the past. Up to date about one hundred and fifty students have enrolled, but they still continue to come in.

About all of the fraternity material has been utilized, but I

think we will have about fifteen men before next June, and that will be a sufficient number. We are very careful about selecting our men, and hence do not have as many as some of our sister fraternities. We do not initiate a man unless the chapter, as a whole, can be congenial with him. Above all things else we be in *social equality*. Of course a man has to possess the other requisites, but we are adherents to the principle that "in union there is strength," and we will not initiate a man unless we feel confident that we can be toward him as a brother.

In our chapter at present harmony reigns supreme. We are not in the least affected by internal strife, and I trust we may never be.

With fraternal greetings to the other chapters, wishing them success in their every undertaking, I will bring my first chapter letter to an end.

CHI.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

In spite of the cholera scare Vanderbilt has opened up with about as bright prospects as at any time before and we all look forward to a very successful year. Chi returned only eight active members and two transfers. The latter are Brothers Samuel J. Rucker and Clyde B. Garrett, both A.Ms., from Southwestern University, at Georgetown, Texas. Our chapter extends to them a hearty welcome. The above does not include Brother Washburn who, though not an active member, is just as valuable to us as if he were. He is now the instructor of vocal music in the University.

We are expecting Brother W. H. Hardin, the center rush of last year's football team, to be with us in a few days to take a course in post-graduate law. We are also in receipt of a letter from Brothers James A. McVoy, of Southern University, saying that he intends coming up also in a few days.

Although small in numbers we are all pretty active fraternity workers, and with the assistance of Brothers Verner Jones and R. L. Burch, both enthusiastic alumni of Chi, we have scored three initiations; and we congratulate ourselves upon having done the chapter and the order a great service in thus bringing into the fold three such fine men as we know these to be. We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large Mr. Lucius E. Burch, Nashville, Tenn., a brother of Brothers Charles N. and Robert L. Burch; Mr. Bert E. Young, of Louisville, Ky., and Mr. Prince Hawkins, of Huntington, Tenn. We do not think

we could possibly have found in the whole University three fitter victims for our goat than the above three men, and we recommend them heartily to Kappa Alphas in every field. We do not intend, however, to be content with our labors so far, but hope with the next issue to report the names of two or three others who have been initiated into the mysteries of our Order.

The numerical status of the fraternities at the opening this year is as follows: Phi Delta Theta, 15, transfers, 3; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 17; Kappa Alpha, 8, transfers, 2; Beta Theta Pi, 10; Chi Phi, 8; transfers, 2; Kappa Sigma, 8, transfer, 1; Sigma Chi, 8; Alpha Tau Omega, 7, transfer, 1; Delta Tau Delta, 2; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 11, transfers, 4.

We think the Annual Catalogue published this summer is a very valuable addition to our fraternity's publications, and if the officers of the various chapters do their duty, we see no reason why we can not, in this way, keep as full and complete history and catalogue of our Order as any one need wish. We congratulate the Order upon having such a man as Brother Ammen at its head to devise means of this kind for its benefit.

Wishing a successful and pleasant year to Kappa Alphas everywhere, we close.

PSI.

TULANE UNIVERSITY.

The session of 1892-93 of Tulane has opened, and, as the attendance at the college proper was larger on the opening day than on the same day any previous session, the outlook for the college seems particularly bright.

Last year as Psi had no member in the graduating class, we have lost none of our college men. They were all to be seen on the "third," looking well and seemingly glad to be once more at work. Of course the usual number of good resolutions to last throughout the ensuing session must have been made during vacation, and now it is only necessary to see how "Time" will treat these. We all hope, as the session grows, that they will not prove mere nothings.

Our number in the college proper is six, and to this we are in hopes of adding some new members. Judging from the way in which all old fraternity men are seen walking arm in arm with the new men, it would seem that the present Freshman class has no lack of good material. It is good, for Tulane has to support six fraternities—Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, and Kappa Alpha, and that each

should receive even a few men out of a moderate sized Freshman class is all that can be hoped. The rivalry among the fraternities is great, but, as far as I myself am able to judge, is characterized by good feeling, and attempts to gain new men not made by running down their rivals. It would be but fair for each fraternity to stand on its own merits, and I think that fact has become pretty well recognized.

In a few days we hope to add to our list of members, and at present our outlook for the coming year is bright.

So, wishing all her sister chapters success during the coming year, Psi bids them good-bye until the next issue of our JOURNAL.

OMEGA.

CENTRE COLLEGE.

For two long months the members of Omega have longed to return to Centre, where the pleasures of the past could be experienced over again. To meet in our hall, discuss the merits of some recent innocent who has forsaken home and friends to become a child of Centre, to make the nights miserable to the peaceful inhabitants, with unearthly yells and howls, to congregate around a well-filled table, or "last, but not least," to ride some "Fresh" on our "Billie," are pleasures known only to members of Omega.

Of the fourteen enthusiastic members of last year only five returned at the beginning of the session, and 't is needless to say that they (Hudson, Bechner, McClure, Wickliffe, and McHenry) acquitted themselves with credit during the "rush." Through their efforts Messrs. W. E. Savage, of Millersburg, Ky.; Wallace Kelly, of Hopkinsville, Ky., and G. C. Irvin, of Lebanon, Ky., were added to the roll of Kappa Alphas. We take pleasure in presenting these gentlemen to the Kappa Alpha world. May they enjoy the mysteries of Greekdom and the pleasures of Omega.

The summer JOURNAL gave an account of our victories upon Field and Commencement Days, but since there have come to us others in the robes of a professorship. Our former C. S., J. E. Turner, is now a dignified professor in the preparatory department. It is hard to form the distinction, but we congratulate ourselves that one of us should be chosen to such a position before entering upon the dignities of manhood. Mr. E. Hudson (of '93) is now physical director at the Deaf and Dumb Institute.

Kappa Alpha is well represented in this city in educational life

by the above gentlemen, and Prof. C. K. Crawford (Omega), of the Seminary; J. W. Redd (Zeta), of Centre, and S. H. Hogsett (Omega), of Hogsett's Academy.

We regret to state that our second initiate, W. E. Savage, has been compelled to return to his home, but under the most honorable circumstances. During the short time that we have known him he has proved himself a gentleman and scholar of the highest order. Warm-hearted and congenial to his fellow associates, he won many friends other than those of his fraternity. We hope that he may soon return, but if not that the principles of Kappa Alphaism will be remembered throughout life.

The officers for the coming year of this chapter are as follows: H. P. Brown, G. M.; A. H. McClure, S. M.; Lucien P. Beckner, G. S.; Wallace Kelly, K. at A.; E. H. Hudson, K. U.; Lem H. McHenry, C. S.; Gabe C. Irvin, C.; Robert C. Wickliffe, Jr., P., and L. P. Beckner, C. H.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Once more, at the beginning of still another year, does Alpha-Alpha love to send out her pleasing messages of fraternal greeting, beaming and smiling on each one of her sister chapters with all of the real sincerity that characterizes a renewal of fraternity intercourse. It must be remembered that we have been faithfully and steadily at our studies during the pleasant summer months when the greater part of our brothers have been enjoying their vacations at some cool watering place in the Northern shades, or perhaps under the sunny Southern skies, influenced not only by the season's heat, but also by the warmth and geniality of friends at home. But never mind. The turn of the happy Sewanee student comes at length, during the most pleasant part of the year, and in time we shall be enveloped in the fullness of enjoyment, having regrets only for the fact that so many of our Kappa Alpha brethren are not so fortunate.

The long interval of time that has elapsed since the writing of the last letter accounts for the abundance of news which Alpha-Alpha, in her enthusiasm, has produced within the months just past. Three men, right faithful and true, has she to introduce on this occasion with all the *eclat* of former times: Messrs. Paul Berghaus, of Wilmington, Del.; Francis Lea Robinson, of St. Louis, Mo., and Francis Hopkinson Craighill, of Dalton, Ga.

All are presented with that certain feeling of pride which is natural at the accession of such a promising trio.

Our officers at present are as follows: (1), Brother Morehouse; (2), Brother Howe; (3), Brother Hodgson; (4), Brother Constant; (5), Brother Northrop; (6), Brother Morehouse; (7), Brother Berghaus; (8), Brother Mikell; (9), Brother Morehouse.

Our chapter was honored at the late Commencement by the conferring of the degree of B.A. upon Brother Hamilton, who is at present a much valued and popular *alumnus in urbe*. Various diplomas and certificates, too numerous to mention, also were received and well earned by several other brothers.

We were fortunate enough to have, during the summer, visits of a longer or shorter duration from a number of alumni, among these being Brothers Porcher (one of the charter members), Shepherd, Temple, and Guthrie. The latter has recently accepted the chair of modern languages at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio.

But, unfortunately, we have not been without our share of heavy losses, the necessity of the departure of some of our dearest members being at times enough to cast a shadow over our general brightness. Brothers Charles and George Glass appear on this list, as does also Brother Howard, whose trouble with his eyes forced him to discontinue all study until next term, when we hope once more to have him with us. Alpha-Alpha's best fraternal greeting attends those brothers who of necessity turned their backs away from our mountain.

Brother Constant's parents, who are spending these beautiful autumn days with us, paid us a kind and highly appreciated compliment not long ago, when, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary, they tendered a delicious banquet to the chapter. Many thanks are due to them for their most successful efforts in our behalf.

Although for some years past our meetings have been held in our pretty little chapter house, we have begun a fund with an extensive addition in view, and already have a very respectable sum laid away at interest in a bank so far away as not to be easily accessible to those bent on continually reducing the surplus. Hence, before long we may expect more material things.

Encouraged by the bright prospects for the future, Alpha-Alpha extends sincere good wishes to Kappa Alphas abroad, trusting that the new year will find success and prosperity in full measure resting upon all.

ALPHA-BETA.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

The University opened for its sixty-third session on October 5 with an attendance of about one hundred and sixty. The opening found seven of Alpha-Beta's chapter of last year present—Brothers W. S. Keller, B. Graves, D. H. Smith, M. P. Northington, W. A. Crow, R. M. Davis, and J. L. Hibbard. Brothers G. H. Jones, L. A. Christian, and T. S. Smith did not return. It goes without saying that the absent ones are greatly missed by those who returned.

Fraternity material among the new students is more plentiful and of a better quality than it was last year. We have three initiates so far to present to the Order—Messrs. Allen Northington and H. M. Pratt, of Prattville, Ala., and Max Lenddemann, of Tuscumbia, Ala. The first two have entered the Freshman class, taking the scientific course; the third is a special student.

To fill the vacancies caused by the absence of the brethren above mentioned the chapter has elected M. P. Northington as Purser, D. H. Smith as C. H., W. A. Crow as K.-at-A., and John L. Hibbard as Censor; and the these officers have entered on the discharge of their duties.

A statistical table which appeared in the July number of the JOURNAL did two of the other fraternities represented here an unintentional injustice in not giving them credit for all the honors they gained. The following will perhaps serve to show how the fraternities stand in the academic department. Where there is but one figure it indicates the number of men eligible or contesting for the honor in question; when there are two figures the second shows the number of successful competitors.

	1st Anglo-Saxon Prize.	2d Anglo-Saxon Prize.	Ready Writer Prize.	1st Shakespeare Prize.	2d Shakespeare Prize.	Mineralogy Prize.	"Journal" Prize.	Editors of Journal, 1892-93.	Senior Orator's.	Junior Orator's.	Sophomore Declaimer's.
Kappa Alpha.....	0	0	1	1-1	0	3	2-1	4-2	3-2	2-1	5-1
Phi Delta Theta.....	2	2-1	1	4	4-1	3	2	8-1	4-2	7-4	5-2
Delta Kappa Epsilon.....	1	1	2-1	3	3	2	1	5-1	3-2	4-2	6-2
Alpha Tau Omega.....	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	4-1	1	5-2
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	4	0	2	3-2
Sigma Nu.....	5-1	4	1	4	4	2-1	2	6-1	6-1	4-1	6-2

The Kappa Alphas	had 13 men and 35 distinctions; average, 2.7.					
" Phis	" 19	" "	" 50	" "	" "	2.6.
" Delta Kappa Epsilons	" 16	" "	" 40	" "	" "	2.5.
" Alpha Tau Omegas	" 11	" "	" 16	" "	" "	1.5.
" Sigma Alpha Epsilons	" 10	" "	" 13	" "	" "	1.3.
" Sigma Nus	" 21	" "	" 22	" "	" "	1.

There are some things brought to light by the annual catalogue which appear to us to be faults so glaring as to call for relief. In the first place, we notice with regret that Alpha Chapter continues to initiate students of the Virginia Military Institute after they have graduated from that institution, and thus these irregular initiates constitute what is called Beta Chapter. Surely this is a misnomer. When a chapter (?) elects no officers, has no letters in the JOURNAL, and has put not one cent into the general treasury, it should cease to exist even in name. The Kappa Alpha Fraternity ought to be too great and too honorable an organization to stoop to a petty subterfuge which, while pretending to respect the letter of the college regulations, grossly violates their spirit. Besides, when men who have graduated and left college are initiated into a fraternity it seems to us that the practice savors rather strongly of honorary membership.

Another chapter initiated last year one of the faculty of the institution at which it is located. Is this in accord with the principles and the unwritten laws, the traditions, and the established usages of the Order? If we are not mistaken, this is the second time that this same chapter has violated all these in this particular, and, we hope that the next convention will adopt measures which will effectually prevent a repetition of the offense.

Our chapter has adopted the by-laws suggested by the K. C. in his annual report, with only two changes; and from our brief experience with them we are greatly pleased, and recommend them to all other chapters who find their present by-laws in any way unsatisfactory.

We are represented in the roster of cadet officers this year as follows: Captain of Company D (Brother Graves); quartermaster; first lieutenants in Companies B and D; first sergeant in Company C, and fourth sergeant in Company B.

We extend fraternal greetings to all the other chapters. May we all have a prosperous year.

ALPHA-DELTA.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE.

When the old chapel bell rang for the opening of the present session at William Jewell College there seemed a mournful cadence in its familiar voice, for many a dear and friendly face was missed from the throng of students, old and new, gathering for the year's work. Of that noble little band of ten, who last year wore the crimson and the gold, three only returned, viz.: Brothers Dawson, Hurt, and Jandon. While the loss of so many men is deeply felt, yet we believe we are among that number who stand not idle and "gaze at the eternal landscape of the past" and forget the golden opportunities of the present. We have tried to remedy our great loss by drawing the ranks close together. Though this is the fall of the year it is the spring-time of college work and fraternity life. Recognizing in our loss only a symbol of the natural falling of the leaf and the plucking of the ripened fruit, we enter the fight anew, small, but determined that this branch of the noble tree of Kappa Alpha shall bring forth flowers of beauty and sweetness and fruit of such excellence that all her sisters will be proud of her. We will do our utmost to uphold her high name in the school-room, in our literary societies and in our social duties. We have our eye upon what we think is good Kappa Alpha material, and when our hopes materialize we will call upon all to rejoice with us at our success.

All those who are absent from Alpha-Delta are doing well. Brothers Motley and Howell have entered the law department of Ann Arbor. J. E. Hymer and C. B. March are playing at "pedagogue" near the city, and attend some of our meetings. J. W. Jones is in the Lathrop Bank, Lathrop, Mo. The record of Gatewood S. Lincoln, at the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis, Md., is very gratifying to Alpha-Delta especially, and to all loyal brothers.

William Jewell opened this session with more flattering prospects than have ever attended any of her previous years. Having been under the charge of Dr. J. P. Green only since last June a great earnestness for the future advancement of the institution has already been manifested, both by increased attendance and by the interest taken by the Baptist denomination all over the State. The President is very popular with the students. Besides pushing forward other college interests he has lent his influence toward the advancement of athletics in

the college. It is understood that he will grant to our "nine" the privilege of visiting both the University of Missouri and the University of Kansas in the spring for a match game of ball. Promises of an elegant gymnasium soon to be erected are prevalent in the college atmosphere. So, soon William Jewell will lead the colleges of the West, and ere many years may rival the universities of the East.

Not having many items to chronicle, but having great faith in our Order, great hope in her prosperity, and love for all brothers, we are pressing onward, not thinking of our *fewness*, but remembering that "in the dark hour of despair Hope sees a star and listening Love will catch the rustle of a wing."

ALPHA-EPSILON.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY.

Alpha-Epsilon sends greeting to her sister chapters.

We returned only four men this session, and one of these (Brother McRae) has since left, and is now at Washington and Lee University. Though we started with such a small number, we have since succeeded in leading four brothers from the world of barbarism into the refulgent light of Kappa Alphaism. These were J. L. Melton, of Chester, S. C.; J. G. Hancock, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; H. L. Rose, Little Rock, Ark., and J. F. Hood, Tupelo, Miss.

We have also had the pleasure of greeting Brother Thornwell, from Davidson, S. C., who expects to matriculate here for this session.

We had an election of officers the other night, which resulted as follows, viz.: S. M. Spencer, G. M. and P.; J. G. Hancock, C.; H. L. Rose, C. H. and G. S.; J. L. Melton, K.-a-A.; J. G. Hamilton, C. S. and K. U.; J. F. Hood, S. M.

We have the smallest number of any fraternity in college except the Alpha Tau Omegas, who have an equal number. We go according to the old principle, "*quality*" and not "*quantity*."

All the Greek world here is very quiet at present, and every thing runs perfectly smooth.

Our new brethren are excellent men and very promising specimens. We all remain here several years longer, and will return a very strong chapter next year.

We hope this year to do our duty by our Order, and strive in every way possible to make this chapter equal to any in the fraternity.

ALPHA-ETA.**WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.**

Alpha-Eta began this year with five old men, Ryland, Steele, Barber, Wiggs, and Sharp. At our second meeting we initiated Mr. Frank E. Hitner, who was pledged last year, and at our last meeting we initiated Mr. Halsey I. Matthews. We take great pleasure in introducing our brothers. Our chapter, though small in number, has been wide awake this year. We have two pledged men who will be initiated soon.

College opened this year with 130 students, the best in several years. With the other two fraternities here we hope to get our share of the best men in college. All of the fraternities here are friendly.

We elected officers at our last meeting, as follows: (1), L. G. Ryland; (2), W. K. Steele; (3 and 8), J. F. Barber; (4), F. E. Hitner; (5 and 9), C. F. Wiggs; (6 and 7), Elmer Sharp.

In a few weeks Alpha-Eta hopes to be the possessor of the fraternity paraphernalia. We have six pins in the chapter, and all have ordered a chapter button. All of our men are here for good work, both in college and chapter.

Brother John Rodgers Townsend visited us the first week of school, and will return at the beginning of the second term to finish the course.

We regret very much to lose Brother Wiggs, who will move, about the 20th inst., to St. Louis, where he will enter Washington University, but he will return to finish his course next fall.

We have been very negligent in the past in our duties, especially in chapter letters and purser's reports, but we promise to be faithful in the future.

We will close with best wishes to all our sister chapters.

ALPHA-IOTA.**CENTENARY COLLEGE.**

We enter upon the second year of Alpha-Iota's existence and send fraternal greetings to all the brothers, wishing them a pleasant and successful career during the coming session.

We have begun with good prospects. Our membership is smaller than it was last year, but it is sufficiently large, and our numerical decrease has not been followed by a corresponding decrease in enthusiasm. We still retain the zeal of our earliest youth—the ambition that was kindled in our hearts when first the mystic veil was withdrawn and we became familiar with the

secrets of Kappa Alpha. And this, superinduced by the love which we now cherish for our beloved chapter, will inspire our efforts and insure our triumph.

Alpha-Iota has again assaulted the barbarian ranks and captured from their number a worthy man in the person of S. C. Fullilove, of Shreveport, La., a member of the Freshman class. He will give additional strength to our chapter.

The regular work of the session has begun, and several honors have already fallen to our lot. Kappa Alphas hold the presidency of the two literary societies and of the joint societies and of the Y. M. C. A.

Brother James, an alumnus of last year, has presented the chapter with a unique gavel and a very handsome album. He is in business in Yazoo City, Miss.

Now that the time of the convention draws on apace we are anxious to know where it will be held. Alpha-Iota thinks Nashville would be a good location. It is a central place and easily accessible to a majority of the chapters.

We want to suggest a change. Would it not be better to present as a reward for the best essay sent to the convention a fine badge instead of a medal? Would not a badge be prized much more highly and thus arouse deeper interest in the contest? It would be a departure from the regular routine and would distinguish it from college contests and medals. We make the suggestion and leave it to be discussed if it is worth any thing.

An athletic club has just been organized and a fund is being raised to put a gymnasium building. We expect to have the building erected at an early date.

We are highly pleased with the Annual Catalogue. May it be a stimulus to all the chapters during this session.

ETA.

RICHMOND COLLEGE.

The opening of another college session has brought with it such a train of duties and responsibilities that we have time to snatch only a few moments in which to write this short letter. But we shall endeavor to take time enough to let the fraternity know that Eta Chapter is still in a flourishing condition and bids fair to enjoy one of the most prosperous years she has ever known.

We returned eight members, whose offices are: W. D. Duke (1), H. L. Norfleet (2), Edmund Harrison (3), J. H. Franklin (4),

E. M. Pilcher (5), W. F. Long (6 and 9), N. S. Bowe (7), C. M. Cooke (8). Besides these, Brothers F. W. Duke, B.A. ('92), C. R. Burnett ('89), and J. S. Harrison ('91), meet regularly with us, making altogether the best looking and most enthusiastic band that it has ever been our pleasure to witness. At the recent elections of the Mu Sigma Rho Literary Society, in which six Kappa Alphas are enrolled, we obtained six of the offices, and the best part about it is that in no case did a Kappa Alpha nominate a brother for an office. Prominent among these offices we would mention that of President, to which Brother Franklin (4), was elected; vice-president, Brother W. D. Duke (1); business manager of the *Messenger*, Brother Pilcher (5), and one of the editors of the *Messenger*, Brother Norfleet (2).

We are looking forward with intense interest to the opening of the football season, next Saturday the 15th instant, when our team meets the Washington and Lee eleven at Richmond. There will probably be but one Kappa Alpha on our team, but Brother W. D. Duke (1), is business manager of the team. In spite of the unfortunate (for the team) circumstance that so few of our members are on the eleven we hope that the reputation of Richmond College will be well sustained.

The fraternities at Richmond College, as usual, have been very conservative this year, only two of them, the Phi Kappa Sigma and the Phi Gamma Delta, having obtained any goats up to this time, each of them having taken in three.

We will report in our next letter the initiation of one who comes of a family from which we have already three honored and beloved brothers; and we also hope by next letter to report the addition of four others to our ranks.

SIGMA.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

Davidson College, the home of Sigma Chapter, is a Presbyterian institution in western North Carolina, about twenty miles north of Charlotte. Davidson is now in her fifty-sixth year and enjoys the reputation of being one of the finest schools of the South, her standard being as high as that of most of the universities. She has a full and able faculty.

Davidson College is the home of four Greek-letter fraternities, namely: Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, and Kappa Alpha.

College opened this fall with about one hundred and fifty stu-

dents, forty-five or fifty of whom were Freshmen. Not many members of this class have as yet joined a fraternity, but of the few who have been invited to partake of the privileges of fraternity life we have initiated two, with one Junior and one Sophomore who entered this year, and it is with great pleasure that I introduce them to the Order. They are: Robt. Hall Morrison Brown, of Charlotte, N. C.; Robt. Samuel Cromartie, of Garland, N. C.; Thos. Jethro Hall, of Winston, N. C., and Edward Smallwood Vass, of Savannah, Ga. Brother Brown is a Junior, Brother Cromartie a Sophomore, and Brothers Hall and Vass are Freshmen.

The other fraternities have initiated men as follows: Kappa Sigmas, 3; Beta Theta Pis, 3; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 2. The total membership of each is as follows: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 16; Beta Theta Pi, 14; Kappa Alpha, 12; Kappa Epsilon, 10.

We have now twelve men, and I know that a more congenial or happy set of fellows could nowhere be found.

Since the opening of the present session there has been a report current that Alpha Tau Omega would organize here this fall, but little seems to have been done in that direction, and it is hardly probable that they will establish now, since with but few exceptions the fraternity element is pretty well worked up.

Sigma sends greetings to each and every chapter, and wishes all much success during the present term.

Editorial.

WE are forcibly reminded that time continues in its course, and so in the natural order of things another volume of the KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL is begun; and at the same time another year of work lies before the entire fraternity. Rest and inaction necessarily prevent perfect action at the arousing to labor, consequently it is not to be expected that for the first issue the JOURNAL will prove free from roughness, nor is it to be expected that the various parts of the machinery will run as smoothly as they will do hereafter. A little exercise, a little care and attention, and soon all of these obstacles can be overcome and every thing will work as easily and rapidly as ever.

Already the various chapters have begun their work. As yet information is rather fragmentary, but what is received is satisfactory. Much depends upon the beginning, it is therefore all important to begin right. The present year should be an era of prosperity, strength, and improvement. The officers of the fraternity are diligently striving to secure this end, and they expect the co-operation of every chapter as a body and every individual member of every chapter.

In the whirl of campaigning do not forget the old routine work. While vigilant at one place do not sleep at another. Each chapter should be well officered. If it is not so officered it should become so at once. Certainly every officer knows whether he is capable of discharging his duties; if he is not, honesty demands his resigning.

The financial part of the chapter's business should not be neglected. The fraternity is monthly incurring debts. This means that you, through authorized agents, are incurring debts which should be promptly met.

Each chapter is daily making history; it should not fail to record it carefully and fully. This aids the general historian in his labors and is the only way to secure an accurate account of the Order's work.

Creditable work in college is an essential element of a successful chapter. To do work in college is the reason of attendance.

Any thing that prevents this has no place in such an institution or in the life of those enrolled. Remember then this part of your work.

In the campaigning we trust that, so far, every thing has been done conservatively, with dignity, and in order. All these things must be kept in mind. All must receive attention from the beginning.

THE ever diligent and zealous K. C. has presented the Order with a handsome publication which he names, The Report of the K. C. and the First Annual Catalogue. In the preparation of this work Mr. Ammen had the assistance of Mr. W. S. Hamilton. It is, perhaps, already familiar to many of the JOURNAL's readers, and consequently an extended comment is not needed. Certainly it is hoped that the first annual Catalogue will not prove the last annual Catalogue. The suggestions in the report of the K. C. are pertinent and show much inquiry and thought, and the most of them can be heartily concurred in by every Kappa Alpha. It is not necessary or advisable to discuss or even mention here those not concurred in, as the time arrives or the occasion demands the attention of the Order will be called to such differences of opinion as may exist as to these matters. Each member of the Order should become familiar with the contents of this publication, and should carefully think upon each suggestion therein made.

THERE is much prejudice existing against college fraternities, and those entertaining such prejudice are ever ready to grasp any thing objectionable in their ways and habits, and to use it as a weapon in contending against them. It is unfortunate to have foes well armed, but it is much more unfortunate to aid in better arming them, and yet this might be said of some fraternities. Many men form their opinions of classes from their knowledge of individuals composing that class. This is rarely a just way of judging, but it is the natural way, and it must be met, though deprecated. Upon such a prime principle of estimating classes the majority of mankind form their opinions of college fraternities from the conduct of those organizations which have come under their notice. It follows, then, that if certain men know fraternities that are composed of rollicking, merry, careless fellows, these same men conceive the idea that all fraternities

are organizations for purpose of promoting merriment and general hilarity. If these same fraternities indulge in rough initiative ceremonies, to them all fraternities indulge in rough initiative ceremonies. It is to be regretted that any fraternity of gentlemen should condescend to horse-play, and it is a source of horror worthy of condemnation that such ceremony should be such as to partake of barbarity. Any fraternity which permits an initiation which can be made to result even by accident in the death of the candidate, seems to be preserving a vestige of the dark ages, and while such a calamity excites pity, it justly excites severest censure. The fraternity press should cry against such procedure. It is worse than absurd, it is not civilized, and it is likely to result in bringing all college fraternities into disrepute.

It is not probable that the majority of the fraternities, or even a good number of them indulge in such ceremonies. Certainly all lovers of these fraternities should combine to eradicate such practice, and those having no such practice should declare it, in order to free them from the prejudice that the sad occurrence of last year has excited. The Kappa Alpha fraternity has no such initiation, nor does any thing akin to such or from which such an occurrence could be evolved, exist in its ceremonies.

It will not do to judge or to condemn any law by the way it is administered. As a matter of fact, many a right is lost in the administration of the laws of this country, through the incompetency, negligence, or depravity of those intrusted with its administration; and yet our laws, as a rule, are the embodiment of human wisdom, refined and re-refined in the crucible of reason. The laws of nature are perfect, and yet man disregarding them makes them eventually weaken and wreck his constitution. Thus are those laws which were ordained to preserve made to destroy. If this fraternity has a law which, though good in itself, yet those intrusted with carrying it out have disregarded its mandates, this is no legitimate argument against the law, but it is a powerful argument against the qualifications of those intrusted with carrying it out.

Law is but an agreement between men. Eliminate the agreement and the law is worse than useless. No law is worth more than the fitness of those who are to administer it, and it is rarely worth more than the sentiment of those under its ban demand.

If this fraternity has any law, which any members think has been disregarded and is thereby rendered useless, it is the wise policy to demand an enforcement of the law at the hands of those who have the enforcement in charge, rather than to cry out against the law itself. If the law has not been regarded, such a clamor will arouse an enforcement of it. A policy which cries against law on account of the incompetency of those administering is but a policy tending to the abolition of all law and the ascendancy of anarchy. Every officer of this Order is bound to enforce law as he finds it, whether it suits his taste or not. Law is a sacred thing, not to be lightly broken or evaded. In fact there is no difference between a breach and an evasion. This is not written to censure any man or men, but it is written to point out to some complaining that if they have a grievance it is against the manner of execution rather than the laws themselves. These views seem sound and reasonable.

It is hoped that all delinquent subscribers to the JOURNAL will forward the subscription price. It requires "stamps to travel," and the JOURNAL professes to travel. It is the endeavor of the Order to improve its magazine. Money is an essential to improvement. Not only is an appeal made to delinquent subscribers, but all Kappa Alphas are urged to subscribe for their magazine.

THAT part of the JOURNAL which needs improvement more than any other, is the Personal Department. It seems from the standpoint of experience that it is more difficult to make this portion of our magazine interesting than it is to make any other department interesting. Frank M. Stafford has consented to conduct this department. Every Kappa Alpha, active and alumnus, is urged to write to him all matters of interest about our members. Not dry so, but give particular and full information in order that he may be able to give life to his department. Mr. Stafford's address is 222 Third Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

FOR three years the editor of the JOURNAL has advised, requested, urged, and exhorted the correspondents to send their chapter letters promptly, which is their plain duty. Frequently,

cards have been written making especial request for these letters, and the JOURNAL has been kept from press in order that a respectable number of chapter letters should appear. This made the JOURNAL late for the particular time and disarranged the entire schedule. These sacrifices were made from this standpoint, that a fraternity magazine is not up to a creditable standard without a large number of chapter letters. On account of these delays the editor was frequently criticised and sometimes condemned harshly. All of this was patiently borne, with the hope that after a time matters might assume a more happy phase, and that persuasion would inoculate the correspondents with a proper sense of duty. However, all these hopes proved delusions and becoming tired of persuading and of criticism the present number is sent to press as the printers call for the copy. No copy was given in until the fifth of October, which is the appointed time.

What are the chapter correspondents chosen for, ornament? Any man competent to fill the position can write a letter in an hour; and it would not be a bad venture to say that not more than ten minutes have been given to the writing of some letters in this number. If this fraternity alone saw the miserable failure in this issue it would be sad and lamentable, but when it is considered that the JOURNAL goes all over the United States, is seen and commented upon by the officers of almost every fraternity, these comments often going through the various other magazines to every active member and many alumni of the other orders, words can not express the disappointment, the shame, and the chagrin that the editor now experiences.

It is our conclusion to proceed in our efforts, to wait for no man hereafter. If the JOURNAL is then late the cause can be, as a rule, laid at our door with some justness. We are going on, if you, correspondents, choose to follow, well and good, we shall enjoy your company; if you prefer to continue laggards, we pronounce a farewell.

THE news from Zeta at Randolph-Macon College, and from Rho, at South Carolina College, is very gloomy. Last year Rho, owing to the change made in the conduct of the college where the chapter is located, was very weak. Little fraternity material was in attendance. It is to be supposed that the continuation of

such condition resulted in no members returning to take up the fight. The conditions which brought about the sleep of Zeta are unknown. Just at that period when the Order generally was becoming so strong and vigorous, to find two standards with no hands to hold them up is greatly to be regretted. Remember that these chapters are not legally extinct. Effort should at once be made by all officers of the Order and members living near the institutions where these chapters are to select and secure enough men to hold the organization together, unless it is undesirable that chapters should be continued there. A well-directed effort in the line indicated would, in all probability, prove successful, and it would almost surely result in the resuscitation of at least one of the chapters.

It is a bad policy to neglect the weak parts of an organization so long as there is hope of strengthening it. It will not do to let these chapters die without aid. Too many mounds are already in our graveyard, and we have too many to mourn for to add others to the number.

Our K. C. can be depended upon to assist in the revivals. Can we count upon the various alumni of these chapters and other Kappa Alphas living near to co-operate with him in this matter? It is to be hoped so.

Funerals are not only sad, but they are also expensive. We can get on without any more of them. Black lines in our paper are by no means cheerful to look upon, not to mention that they are not ornamental.

For sometime, it has been rumored that it was the custom of at least one principal of a preparatory school to pledge men, leaving his school, to enter college that they would join his fraternity upon matriculating. By this means he secured for his order some good men. It is certainly a resorting to the scriptural method of going out into the highways and compelling men to come in. It is not only a rather unfair advantage taken, but it is not within the bounds of fraternity courtesy.

Such a course is very little different from the custom of initiating preparatory students. It turns a preparatory school into a hotbed for sprouting cuttings to be planted in the fraternity garden. It looks a little bit hasty. It takes advantage of the boy. He, no doubt thinking the professor's fraternity is the only one of any merit, pledges himself to join. He enters college,

and unless he finds the picture as represented, he must either refrain from belonging to a fraternity, or else go ill-mated through his college life.

The prime principle of chapter building is that the beginning and end of electing and receiving election should be in the hands of the chapter and the chosen one, both freed from any obligation until brought face to face. Without this, a chapter grows like a house rather than as a thing of nature, which it surely is.

It is said to be a sign of age when one begins to think more of the past, or any thing of the past, than the present and those things which belong to the present. If this be so we must admit that age is upon us. Somehow the things of yesterday are sweet, and the lines on "Yesterday," by Riley, never fail to stir our nature to its most sacred depths. Yesterday it was that to be chosen to membership in a prominent fraternity was an honor. To-day it looks as if to be chosen was a burden, and by accepting membership honor was conferred. So eager are chapters at some institutions that every man of respectable appearance, having stood a fairly good entrance examination, is at once a god, and all the Greeks at once do homage at his feet and pour out lavishly their invitations. Men are pulled and hauled about, the advantages of joining this chapter are exhibited with the same eagerness that Mr. Isaacs shows the quality of the garments he has on sale. In fine, where formerly men waited to be chosen, now the chapters impatiently await the chosen's choice. Yesterday, he who in a month received invitations from two chapters was a mighty man among his fellows; to-day, he who can not join any order in the college he attends ranks rather low among his fellows.

Yesterday, the selecting of men was carefully, slowly done, and with dignity; to-day, a man is chosen, "spiked," and rushed as eagerly as hungry schoolboys seek their lunch at playtime. So, day by day, the difference between men able to join a literary society and a fraternity becomes less and less, and soon will hardly be at all.

Such a course will result in the decay of college fraternities. Better stay a handful than gather men so hurriedly, so eagerly. Thus do we protest against hasty elections and quick initiation. It is even more fallacious and hazardous than love at first sight,

not to mention the fact that it does not, as that passion, spring from hallucination.

Give to us the time when to be chosen as a member of a fraternity was an event in a student's life always remembered as an honor. Then it was that chapters grew, slowly, it is true, but stalwart and noble; when enjoying membership in our order was as sweet as eating the flesh of game long pursued and long desired. Shall all this turn forever from us? Is it doomed always to be of yesterday? Which is best, the old way or the new? Choose which is best and strive for that.

In order to maintain that department of the JOURNAL presented to the readers under the title of "Contributions" it is necessary to draw from various sources. One man, or a few men, are not capable of making any fraternity magazine instructive and interesting number after number. Thoughts out of the old rut from new minds, are needed. Such new thoughts will even give life and energy to the thoughts of the old writers, and will give vigor and dash to the entire publication.

Certainly there are many members of the Order, both active and alumni, who can easily prepare one article a year, and prepare it in such a manner as to attract the attention of the Greek press in general.

Let every one who can send something in the nature of a contribution, and thus help to advance the JOURNAL in its struggle for excellence.

Greek News and Clippings.

Delta Tau Delta is no more at Vanderbilt.

The Sigma Chi Quarterly publishes several songs to *Sigma Chi*.

Pi Kappa Alpha has entered Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.

The Scroll, of Phi Delta Theta, for October, comes out in a new dress.

Sigma Chi has died out at Roanoke and Stevens Institute of Technology.

Theta Delta Chi has been revived at Rochester with nine charter members.

Delta Gamma and Alpha Phi have entered the woman's college at Baltimore.

Sigma Nu has abandoned the attempt to exist at Yale as a university society.

Sigma Chi has dropped Stevens Institute of Technology from its roll.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

The nineteenth bi-ennial convention, of Sigma Chi was held at Indianapolis, Ind., August 24, 25, and 26.

Chi Charge, of Theta Delta Chi, at the University of Rochester, has been revived. At the time of issuance of *The Shield* nine men had been initiated.

At Mt. Union, a small college somewhere in Ohio, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Nu, all Southerners, are the sole occupants of the field.

Benjamin Harrison is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

And so is Adlai Stevenson.—*Ibid*.

The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, has \$1,100 in unpaid subscriptions. Very good assets to balance books with, but poor, very poor currency with which to pay the printer.

The past month has kept this department busy attending to

the subscriptions to the *Quarterly* of alumni members of the fraternity.—*Editorial Sigma Chi Quarterly.*

Iota Charge, of Theta Delta Chi, at Harvard, was re-established June 8, 1892, with sixteen members. Theta Delta Chi seems to be having a taste of that eventful prospective occasion, the resurrection.

The publication of the University of Michigan Annual, the *Palladium*, has formerly been monopolized by the nine principal chapters in the University, but all remaining chapters have been recently admitted to the board.

Let every one who has a faint suspicion that he has any talent for writing songs, write one and send it to the editor of the *Quarterly*.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly.*

Amend by striking out *Quarterly* and inserting JOURNAL.

Colby is the name of a small but well-known Maine college. There are 135 students in the collegiate department. Ninety-four were members of fraternities. From the remaining forty-one non-fraternity men, Alpha Tau Omega took twelve as charter members for a new chapter established at Colby in June.

At only four Southern institutions do annuals published by the fraternities appear. From the University of Virginia comes the *Corks and Curls*; from Vanderbilt, *Comet*; from University of Georgia, *Pandora*; while the *Cap and Gown* has recently made its initial appearance from the University of the South.

"Once more, after the lapse of three months, have the loyal sons of — Chapter returned to the sacred halls of their *alma mater* and active labor for the cause of the Digamma fraternity. Never in the history of our chapter have so many true hearts assembled to battle for the glorious cause of —." —'s *Chapter Letter in the Digamma Quarterly.*

The law department at the University of Michigan finds four fraternities drawing their membership from it alone. The legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi, originated in that institution in 1869, and the other remaining legal fraternity, Delta Psi, entered last year. Sigma Chi has successfully thrived a number of years in that department, and last year Kappa Sigma entered but signifies its intention of drawing membership from other departments.

The JOURNAL is happy to announce that various chapters of the various fraternities at the various colleges and universities

still hold to that time-honored maxim, of "quality not quantity," and that while most of them are smaller than their rival chapters, yet it is an acknowledged fact that they have the best men in their ranks. It may be well to add that no man desired by them to join has refused to accept the invitation.

The following, clipped from a Cleveland daily, tells the sad story of Beta Theta Pi's ambitious project. The struggle was a long one, in some ways a brave one, altogether a pathetic one, but now nothing remains but a fragrant memory to the Beta boys of their charming summer resort. *Sic transit* :

"The club house and effects of the Beta Theta Pi Alumni Association, which includes the steamer Carrie S., were sold by Sheriff Ryan recently to satisfy a Circuit Court judgment in favor of Carrie A. Seaman. The club house is located in Wooglin, on the shore of Lake Chautauqua."—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

Zeta Psi has been revived at the University of Virginia. It formerly existed from 1868 to 1882. The only remaining Southern chapter is at the University of North Carolina, where it is said to have maintained a high standing since its revival in 1885. Its first existence dated from 1858 to 1868. The chapter owns a very neat little lodge.

At the close of the last scholastic year, Phi Delta Theta had sixty-seven active chapters with a membership of 983, making an average of 14.6 men per chapter. The two largest chapters are at Dartmouth and Emory Colleges, Georgia, each having thirty-two men. Northwestern and University of North Carolina bring up the rear with two men each.

We have a nicely furnished chapter hall, thus having an advantage over our rivals, excepting the Delta Psis, who will have a house. It seems that our chapter is composed of Greeks by birth, as this year we have had two boys whose fathers were members of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, one whose father was a Delta Kappa Epsilon and whose uncle was a W. W. W., another the son of a Phi Kappa Psi, another of Chi Phi, and still another of Sigma Chi.—*Univ. of Miss. Cor. The Rainbow*.

The *Rainbow* for July contains an account of the re-establishment of Beta Gamma Chapter of Delta Tau Delta at the University of Wisconsin, May 28th, last. The chapter starts out with twelve men; one, '92; six, '93; three, '94, and two, '95.

"Though small in numbers (we boast of being the smallest club

in college), we have not lagged behind in college honors. I will not take time and space to mention all, but only a few."—*Emory Cor. the Rainbow, taken by said correspondent from the Standard Chapter Letter.*

The forty-sixth annual convention of Theta Delta Chi, will be held in Boston, November 15. The convention will assemble at Young's Hotel on that day at 10 A.M. The place of meeting smacks of banquet, and from the announcement in *The Shield*, of September, it is highly probable that the lips of the delegates will be in the same condition before their departure. The toast-master has already been appointed. His name is Smith. It is further announced that at this convention any member attending can gain information concerning his fraternity.

Quite an amusing sort of things exists here in the Delta Tau Delta fraternity from the fact of its discrimination as to whom it initiates. At their annual "pow-wow," held a few weeks ago, three men, who were not attendants at college and who had probably never been there, responded to toasts and now wear the badge of Delta Tau Delta. This seems ridiculous but nevertheless is true. Their chapter having dwindled down to three men this year, most any thing is resorted to keep their once proud banner afloat.—*Allegheny Correspondent Phi Kappa Psi Shield.*

Co-education is gaining ground. "The faculty of Yale have announced that next autumn women will be admitted to the post-graduate courses, and will be allowed to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy." Also, "President Harper, of Chicago University, announced lately that that institution would be entirely co-educational, and that women will be given places on the faculty, and will share in the works of the university just as the men."—*Ex.*

It is to be hoped that co-education will not finally evolve a condition which will prohibit men from attending higher institutions of learning.

Beta Xi, already a stronghold for Delta Tau Delta, is gaining ground daily. At first we started out with six fraternities in the field, and we with nine charter members. The boys have worked nobly and well. We now threaten to eclipse those fraternities which never before considered us in the top of city fraternity circles. We are recognized and are on the most friendly terms with the leading chapters here. The consequence of all this

energy and careful deliberation is that our chapter roll of initiates is already up to twenty-eight, and before next college session we expect to increase the membership by a few more.—*Tulane Cor. The Rainbow.*

Will it never cease?

The progress education is making in America may be seen from a glance at the following statistics: In 1850 there were about 8,800 students in American colleges; in 1890 there were nearly 32,000. In 1850 there were in these colleges thirty-eight students to each 100,000 of population; in 1890 there were fifty students to each 100,000 of population. This general statement does not include the last year, the most notable one, as regards attendance, in the history of American colleges. These statistics show a remarkable increase, but it is the more remarkable when we realize that it was largely made during the last ten years.—*Theta Delta Chi Shield.*

The average membership in the Eastern chapters is larger than among the Western or Southern. The average number of initiations per chapter is a little over seven, while the average number retiring is about six. The total membership of the fraternity is about 7,000, and according to the historian within a very few years Psi Upsilon and D. K. E. will be outstripped in numbers. Pi Kappa Alpha seems to be strongly Presbyterian in tone. Its thriftiest chapters have always been the Iota, at Hampden-Sydney, and Theta, at Southwestern Presbyterian University, while the chapter established at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in South Carolina seems to stand next. A large per cent of its membership is found in the ranks of the Presbyterian ministry.

To our old frat a round, boys,
 We all desire, we all desire;
 For in our hearts to-night, boys,
 Nothing's higher, nothing's higher.
 To honor the fraternity
 We oft have striven, we oft have striven.
 Our hands as friends eternally
 We oft have given, we oft have given.
 Then fill the cup—where'er, boys,
 Our lots may fall, our lots may fall,
 To each other's love, boys;
 We'll need it all! We'll need it all!

—From "To Our Old Frat," in *Sigma Chi Quarterly.*

Our new chapter house, in which we take considerable pride, is rapidly approaching completion, and will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of next term. While our present house is very comfortable, our new one will be better in every way. It is a large, roomy, and well-lighted house, located in the best part of town. The large grounds back of it afford plenty of room for tennis courts, etc., while its prominent position gives a fine view of the surrounding country. In securing this house we got ahead of one of our strongest rivals, and this makes us feel still better. Our pleasant experiences in our first home gave a new life to the chapter, and it is safe to say that next year, when we will enjoy new advantages by reason of our new house, we will do better work and be more successful in raising the position of the chapter than ever before.—*Lehigh Cor. The Rainbow.*

According to the *Scroll*, this is the way the chapter houses at Cornell look to the Cornell chapter of Phi Delta Theta: "Zeta Psi was the first to enter Cornell, and for many years occupied a rented house. Their new house is the finest one here. It is constructed of Berea sandstone and yellow brick, and has a good site at the edge of Cascadilla gorge. Directly opposite is the Chi Phi lodge, a very pretty structure of Swiss architecture. Kappa Alpha has a brown stone house at the entrance of the campus. Psi Upsilon has a commodious brick veneer house; opposite, and near this, is the Sigma Phi house. It is of the Colonial style, and commands a splendid view of the lake. A short distance below is the Delta Upsilon house. It is a large house, of pleasing appearance, and is a vast improvement over their old house. Alpha Delta Phi has a large brick house, half-way down the hill, on Buffalo street. A feature of it is its large ball-room, and the study-rooms are all large and well lighted. The Chi Psi lodge is a comfortable house at the foot of the hill. The grounds are large, and no doubt valuable, but it has the disadvantage of being some distance from the university. The Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Theta houses are near the edge of the campus, and there are several other houses on East Hill. The Phi Delta Theta house is a three-story frame structure."

Chapter houses! more chapter houses!

TO A CHILD.

RONDEAU.

Sleep on and dream, and take thy rest ;
What tho' the night winds from the west
With angry voice and sob and moan,
Rave on in ceaseless monotone—
They can not harm thee in thy nest.

How truly, sweetly thou art blest
By such a tender love caressed,
Thou shalt not know till years have flown :
Sleep on and dream.

Ah, if in after-days distressed,
Storm-tossed, by tears and care possessed,
We, too, in sorrow and alone,
Could know the love we once had known,
And, resting on a mother's breast,
Sleep on and dream.

—Sanborn Gove Tenney, in *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.

The following is the acme of fraternity journalism to which the editor of the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* aspires :

"We strive toward an ideal which takes its form and spirit, first from the undergraduate, who makes the major portion of our constituency ; then from the loyal alumnus who does not want to get out of touch with his fraternity ; then from our own self-conceived notions of what high-toned journalism of this exclusive type means ; lastly and incidentally, from the journals of the fraternities wherein we see mirrored ideals, differing in essentials, just as fraternities differ, but actuated by no less earnest concern for pre-eminence.

"Make this year's *Shield* the very best we have ever known, by electing your most talented member chapter correspondent, by sending the editor every scrap of interesting news about Phi Psis everywhere and about Greeks in general, and by soliciting supporters."

A permanent organization of the delegates of the various fraternities interested in making the exhibit at the World's Fair has been effected. The following articles of Constitution were adopted upon recommendation of the Committee on Constitution, copied from the Kappa Sigma *Caduceus* :

ARTICLE I.

1. This organization shall be The College Fraternities' Exhibit Committee.

2. Its object shall be the participation, in a collective exhibit, of American College Fraternities at the World's Columbian Exposition.

ARTICLE II.

1. The officers shall be a Chairman a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

2. There shall be an Executive Committee of five members, composed of the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two others.

3. The officers and the other members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the annual meeting, the first Thursday in July, and shall hold office one year. Vacancies may be filled at any meeting of the organization.

ARTICLE III.

1. The Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall perform the duties which devolve upon such officers generally.

2. The Executive Committee shall have general charge and control of the affairs and funds of the organization, and its actions shall be reported to the organization at all meetings.

ARTICLE IV.

1. The organization shall be composed of one representative from each college fraternity participating; such representative to be empowered to act for his fraternity in all matters connected with securing space, accepting allotments, installing and caring for exhibits and in other matters which the organization may require.

ARTICLE V.

1. The expenses of the organization shall be raised by assessment upon members.

ARTICLE VI.

1. The regular meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of each month. Special meetings shall be called by the Chairman at a request of three members.

ARTICLE VII.

1. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any meeting by two thirds of the members present, provided one week's notice of the proposed amendment has been given.

Personals.

RECENT INITIATES.

GAMMA.

W. A. McDougald.....	Columbus, Ga.
Frank Harrington.....	West Point, Ga.
Percy Ezell.....	Eatonton, Ga.

DELTA.

Philip Henry Stoll.....	
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EPSILON.

J. E. Hall.....	Griffin, Ga.
M. P. Hall.....	Griffin, Ga.
J. D. Boyd.....	Griffin, Ga.
A. H. Allen.....	Columbus, Ga.
A. P. Hilton.....	Sylvania, Ga.
J. J. Flanders.....	Sylvania, Ga.

NU.

W. R. Daughtry.....	Opelika, Ala.
D. C. Tallichet.....	Demopolis, Ala.
W. W. Fulgham.....	Birmingham, Ala.
S. A. Redding.....	Experiment, Ga.
J. W. Kelly.....	Columbus, Ga.

XI.

William C. Hogg.....	Tyler, Texas.
Robert Gibbs Mood.....	Georgetown, Tex.

UPSILON.

Frank Cooke.....	Louisburg, N. C.
Frank Sanford.....	Mocksville, N. C.
William Devin.....	Oxford, N. C.
Frank Short.....	Washington, N. C.

PHI.

C. S. Ellis.....	Greensboro, Ala.
J. G. Acton.....	Trussville, Ala.
J. C. Craig.....	Town Creek, Ala.
L. G. Waldrop.....	Trussville, Ala.
J. T. Green.....	Verbena, Ala.
J. J. Christian.....	Greensboro, Ala.

SIGMA.

Robert H. M. Brown.....	Charlotte, N. C.
Robert Samuel Cromartie.....	Garland, N. C.
Thomas Jethro Hall.....	Winston, N. C.
Edward Smallwood Vass.....	Savannah, Ga.

CHI.

Lucius E. Burch.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Bert E. Young.....	Louisville, Ky.
Prince Hawkins.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.

Psi.

Thomas Foster Frere.....	Franklin, La.
Thomas M. Heacock.....	Talladega Co., Ala.
Beverly W. Smith.....	Franklin, La.
Felix R. Tucker.....	San Augustine, Tex.

OMEGA.

W. E. Savage.....	Millersburg, Ky.
Wallace Kelley.....	Hopkinsville, Ky.
G. C. Irvin.....	Lebanon, Ky.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

Paul Berghans.....	Wilmington, Del.
Francis Lee Robinson.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Francis Hopkinson Craighill.....	Dalton, Ga.

ALPHA-BETA.

Allen Northington.....	Prattville, Ala.
H. M. Pratt.....	Prattville, Ala.
Max Lendemann.....	Tuscumbia, Ala.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

J. L. Melton.....	Chester, S. C.
J. G. Hancock.....	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
H. L. Rose.....	Little Rock, Ark.
J. F. Hood.....	Tupelo, Miss.

ALPHA-ETA.

Frank E. Hitner.....	
Halsey J. Matthews.....	

ALPHA-IOTA.

S. C. Fullilove.....	Shreveport, La.
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Brother Oliver Johnson (Mu) is at Princeton Seminary.

Brother W. J. Cocke (Delta) is studying law at Harvard.

Brother T. G. McLeod (Delta) is teaching in Sumter county.

Brother Leon T. Pressly (Mu) is teaching in Lancaster, S. C.

Brother W. T. McLeod (Delta) is a salesman at Lynchburg, S. C.

Brother J. Payson Kennedy (Mu) is practicing medicine in Atlanta.

Brother Baxter R. Hunter (Mu) is studying medicine in St. Louis.

Brother Jas. G. Dale (Mu, '92) is studying theology at Allegheny, Pa.

Brother John Lyon (Mu) is farming at his home near Abbeville, S. C.

Brother M. M. Ross (Mu) has gone into journalism at Yorkville, S. C.

Brother E. A. Pound (Epsilon, '92) has charge of the school at Elko, Ga.

Brother L. L. Abercrombie (Mu) is in the drug business at Tulare, Cal.

Brother Frank Woodruff (Mu) is in the railroad business at Sanford, Fla.

Brother T. C. Lucas (Delta) is engaged in the drug business at Hartsville, S. C.

Brother Henry J. Cauthen (Delta) is city editor of the Spartanburg *Herald*.

Brother P. B. Sellers (Delta) is practicing law, and is also trial justice of Marion.

Brother Robert McFarlan is practicing law in the firm of Woods & McFarlan.

Brother W. W. Sadler (Mu) is on the road in the interest of a large business house.

Brother R. L. Ryburn (Sigma) is doing a prosperous business in law at Shelby, N. C.

Brother C. V. Reynolds (Delta) is studying medicine at the University of New York.

Brother H. A. Rankin (Sigma) is in the wholesale grocery business at Fayetteville, N. C.

Brother J. Cal. Reid (Mu, '92) is principal of the Macon school for boys in Charlotte, N. C.

Brother C. M. Richards (Sigma) is pursuing a course in the Columbia Theological Seminary.

Brother P. B. Hamer is engaged in the insurance business, and also runs a printing establishment.

Brother E. H. Brown (Sigma) is now located at Shelby, N. C., engaged in the insurance business.

Brother Chas. M. Howell (Alpha-Kappa) has entered the law department of Michigan University.

Brother R. W. Davis (Chi, '92) is bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Weatherford, Texas.

Brother Henry Mullins (Rho) is practising law here. He is very successful in his chosen profession.

Brother E. Fox Howard, an active member of Alpha-Alpha, called upon the JOURNAL a few days ago.

Brother George R. Rembert (Delta) is engaged in tobacco farming with his father in Sumter county.

Brother W. O. Sharp (Alpha-Delta) is a partner in the firm of Snelling & Sharp, retail grocers, Liberty, Mo.

Brother Robert Lee Motley (Alpha-Delta, A.B., '92) is attending the Law Department of Michigan University.

Brother J. A. Pearson (Mu) is studying medicine at home with a view of entering some medical college next year.

Brother James W. Jones (Alpha-Delta) is connected with the banking house of A. B. Jones & Son, Lathrop, Mo.

Brother Hunsdon Carey, of Beta Chapter, is studying law at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, at Boston.

Brother Frank M. Stafford (Epsilon, '91), associate editor of the JOURNAL, is now studying law in Washington, D. C.

Brother A. A. McGeachy (Sigma) is now spending the second term at Union Theological Seminary, Hampden Sidney, Va.

Brother John A. Hope (Alpha-Delta) has received the Democratic nomination for prosecuting attorney of Cape Girardeau county, Mo.

Brother W. M. Drake, of Alpha-Iota Chapter, is now in Shubuta, Miss. This issue of the JOURNAL contains an able article from his pen.

Brother Geo. R. Dupuy (Sigma), formerly of Brunswick, Mo., has recently established himself in the banking business at Clinton, N. C.

Brother E. L. Reid (Mu) has been elected to fill the chair of physical science in Erskine College. He is now at Johns Hopkins preparing himself.

Brother E. D. Hancock, of Alpha-Epsilon, is practicing law at Murfreesboro, Tenn, where he is succeeding rapidly in building up a substantial practice.

Brother W. G. Bonta, of Chi, is now located in San Francisco, Cal. He is practicing law, and it is understood that he is succeeding in his profession.

Brothers J. K. S. Ray (Delta) and E. M. Bearden (Delta) are studying electrical engineering and doing practical work in the Morgan Iron Works, in Spartanburg, S. C.

Brother Bower R. Patrick (Alpha-Delta, A.B., '91), pastor of Calvary Baptist church, Hannibal Mo., is spending the Indian-summer months in Montana for his health.

Brother P. J. Blalock (Pi Prime) has gone into the insurance business with the Northwestern Life Insurance Company. He is general agent for the State of South Carolina.

Brother John C. Wilson (Epsilon) is traveling for the Clark Thread Company. His territory embraces the States of Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. Detroit is his headquarters.

Brother J. E. Turner, for a long time a prominent member of Omega, at Centre College, Danville, Ky., has accepted a professorship in the preparatory department of that institution.

Brother Chas. C. Washburn, of Chi, 1892, has charge of the music class in the theological department at Vanderbilt University, and conducts a private class at his studio in Nashville.

Brother Frank M. Stafford, of Epsilon Chapter, associate editor of the JOURNAL, is now located in Washington, D. C. He will conduct the "Personal" department of the JOURNAL hereafter.

Brother W. C. Wright (Epsilon, '79) has been elected president of both the male and female High Schools of Covington, Ga. He is making quite an enviable reputation for himself in the educational world.

Brother D. M. McLeod, of Delta and Chi, is at Lynchburg, S. C. He will soon formally connect himself with the South Carolina Conference, and will then enter upon his life work as a minister of the gospel.

Brother Robert L. Burch (Chi, '92) is ill with fever at his home in Nashville, Tenn. It is a loss to Chi in the campaign period, for Brother Burch is so situated as to be of great aid to that chapter in selecting and securing men.

Brother Clifton George (Alpha-Delta, A.B., '91) is at Billings Mont., prospecting for a location. At a recent Democratic rally at that place he was honored with a place on the programme with a number of distinguished speakers.

Brother C. E. Albes, for many years a leading member of Chi Chapter, is still living at Decatur, Ala. He is a graduate of both the literary and law departments of Vanderbilt University. On October 18 he is to be united in marriage to Miss Stella Link, of Madison, Ind.

Brother W. H. Hardin, of Delta and Chi, will soon return to Vanderbilt University in order to pursue a post-graduate course in law. His arrival will be gratifying to his fraternity brothers and to the entire university, for his character as a student is equalled by his work as center rush of the 'varsity eleven.

Brother G. H. Swearingen, A.B. of Emory and A.M. of Vanderbilt, is now professor of Latin and Greek in Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss. While Brother Swearingen is a young man, his ability as a scholar is acknowledged, and he will undoubtedly fill the chair of ancient languages at Millsaps in a most acceptable manner.

Brother Jas. B. Murfree, Jr., of Alpha-Epsilon, is finishing a course in the medical department of Vanderbilt University. Brother Murfree was an efficient aid to the wounded and sick at Coal Creek, Tenn., during the recent trouble there between the miners and the convicts. He was one of the surgeons with Company A of the National Guard of Tennessee.

Brother W. W. Brown, of Iota, is principal of the Murfreesboro Academy for boys at Murfreesboro, Tenn. His academy is reported to be in good condition. Brother Brown has recently made his *debut* as an author with a story entitled "How the Victory Was Won." Brother Brown is the property of the entire Order, having long been active in his efforts for the Order, being especially known as editor of the JOURNAL for the years 1887-89.

Brother John Temple Graves, one of Gamma's most distinguished alumni, is on the lecture platform, and will lecture in Nashville, Tenn., October 18. The subject of the lecture to be delivered is "The Reign of the Demagogue." The reputation of Mr. Graves as an orator is co-extensive with the nation, and Kappa Alphas at Nashville look forward with pleasure to his coming. During his visit to Nashville the Kappa Alphas will tender him a banquet.

SMITH—BIGHAM.

Brother Leon P. Smith (Epsilon, '92) and Miss Lewie Bigham, daughter of Rev. Robert Bigham, of Covington, Ga., were mar-

ried September 1. Brother Smith is now professor of Latin language and literature in Lagrange Female College.

McVOY-CARTER.

At Louisiana Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, La., Rev. A. D. McVoy (Phi) was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Lizzie May Carter. Since his graduation Brother McVoy's rise in his chosen profession has been rapid. He is now pastor of an excellent church in Natchitoches, La. May joy, prosperity, and happiness follow this worthy couple.

Prof. S. C. Sanders.

THE subject of this sketch, Prof. Samuel Gillespie Sanders, was born and reared in Cheraw, S. C. He belonged to one of those most excellent families of which any country would be proud. In 1867 he entered Wofford College, and two years afterward, when seventeen years of age, he became a member of the Kappa Alpha Order. He won all hearts, both of professors and students, by his amiable disposition and excellent class standing. In 1871 he took his A.M. degree, graduating with high honors. Later he took a course in Eastman's Business College, then taught awhile, and then, entering the University of Virginia, he received special instruction in Greek and Latin, under Drs. Peters and Gildersleeve. In 1875 he became a professor in Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas. A year or so later he accepted the chair of ancient languages, and this position he filled with credit to himself and to the institution until the day of his death. He died at his home in Georgetown, Texas, September 30, 1892.

Prof. Sanders was eminent in many lines. As a teacher he stood in the front rank of those of his profession. Prepared by special instruction for his chosen work, and ever a close student in his particular line, he proved himself a most competent instructor. Students went from Southwestern University to other institutions and came in contact with ancient language teachers of great fame, only to be more thoroughly convinced of Prof. Sanders' great ability. No man could recite under him without recognizing his thorough acquaintance with his work so that study with him as teacher became a pleasure. As he led, the way would fairly glow with interest. Says a leading paper: "He has given his life, now prematurely cut off, as it seems from a human standpoint, to work in the university, and has contributed no little to the institution's character and reputation. In losing him we lose one of our best men and teachers."

In the church he was equally faithful. For eleven years he was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday-school at Georgetown, and scarcely any school ever had a more acceptable and efficient leader. The strong hold he had on the hearts of the teachers and scholars was clearly seen the first Sabbath after his death. As another arose in place of the familiar form that had

stood before them so unfailingly for eleven years, few out of the large school could command their voices to read the lesson. He was likewise a steward of the church, and his record as secretary of the Quarterly Conference was pronounced perfect.

His home was what can best be expressed by that one word *home*. His wife is a most estimable lady, a daughter of the late well-known Rev. Albert M. Shipp, D.D. Refinement was seen in everything and everybody in the house, and love seemed to reign in every heart. The parents ever taught the children by precept and led them by example in the way of intelligence and godliness. The happy impress of the father on his children may be seen from the reply of one of them, only ten years old, given to the question, "Are all men conceived and born in sin?" "Yes, all but papa." The wife and her seven children live to mourn the loss of husband and father. An aged father shares their grief, having buried his last and only son.

Prof. Sanders' private, personal life was most beautiful. For order, system, and punctuality in all he did he could not be surpassed. He was never in a hurry, yet never behindhand. Though quiet, he was kind, courteous, friendly, to every one. Though a trite saying, yet to know him was to respect and love him. If he ever had an impure thought he never imparted it to others. For five years the writer was intimately associated with him, yet he can not recall one thing Prof. Sanders ever said that could not be repeated in the company of ladies. Though not at all effeminate, he was a most *ladylike* man, so gentle and modest was he. One of his colleagues beautifully sums up his character in the three adjectives, "scholarly, pure, faithful."

One has said him: "As a citizen, he was ever found on the side of order, sobriety, and morality, himself the highest type of good citizenship. It was not, however, as a citizen but as a scholar, teacher, and Christian that he shone most resplendently."

As a Kappa Alpha, he never lost his love for the Order. He ever took much interest in the boys of Xi and helped them all he could; though his conduct was never such as to cause any thing but the highest regard from all in an institution where fraternity spirit has ever been most high. He was much interested in the resurrection of Omicron one year ago, and has ever kept posted with the fraternity at large. His life was indeed a most perfect embodiment of Kappa Alpha principles. O how proud we were of him! We pointed to life as our model, a model

none of us have ever reached. His life was ever an inspiration to us; and now that he is gone, there remains with us still the influence, the aroma, of that pure life that has revealed to us something of the possibilities of humanity,

In conclusion, to quote from a worthier pen: "In the meridian of a useful and well spent life, in the full possession of his powers of mind and body, in the forty-first year of his life, this model citizen, teacher, and Christian, has been taken from the bosom of his family, the labor of the school-room, and the service of the church, to the reward of the faithful and the good." Though his body lies moldering in the tomb, he has entered upon his immortality, he lives and will ever live, 'unhurt amid the war of elements, the wreck of matter, and the crash of worlds.'"

S. J. RUCKER.

The Greek Press.

"Such a deal of skimble-scamble stuff."—*Shakespeare.*

Some months ago the Greek Press wrote under the above quotation. Recent pointed comment by a heavy-weight component of the Greek press would indicate the necessity of keeping the quotation standing. While not proposing to do this, however, it is reproduced once more as an earnest of humility.

August—*Alpha Phi Quarterly.* "Reminiscences"—we have all read them. "Two Voyages"—rhyme. "The Founding of Theta Chapter," "The Library Profession," "Greeks at the World's Fair"—self explanatory. "Faith"—rhyme again:

"I saw a face
And it was rare
In outline and in purity.
Sweet it was and fair,
Emblem of that security
Which faith alone can give
To those who look afar."

"The Seminary in the American University," by a Delta Seminarist, in which the seminary in the American University is never referred to, but which speaks exclusively of German and English seminaries. Editorials containing, among other things, a notice that the song-book committee still report progress. Chapter letters, exchange department, and "of interest to women" department, and here we are, out of place, but here we are any way, an "of interest to men" department. Now that's a great idea in Alpha Phi, and from it the JOURNAL might learn a lesson. For instance the JOURNAL might reciprocate by publishing a column of items "of interest to women" in which the latest styles might be set forth in a bright and readable manner. It would be quite a scheme—dresses this winter will be worn with passementerie cut bias. Tucks will be very deep, in striking contrast to the shallow tucks of last year's styles. It is said that the ladies saved this country from a visit of the cholera this summer, their trails acting as street sweeps. The leading colors for the season will be old gold and pink, amethyst settings. Would n't that be a good idea? If it could be conducted with equal dash every issue the JOURNAL would soon win its

way into the good graces of its fair readers, and instead of being assailed with their mathematical and professional rhetoric its course might be cheered with brightest smiles and happiness. Let us see how this sample "takes" before laying in a stock. That song-book committee is a good thing, and the JOURNAL would urge, beseech, and entreat Kappa Alphas to sing songs, write songs, and if they can not write songs get somebody else to write them, for songs we ought to have, songs we must have, and songs we will have, if they have to be written by contract and delivered to order like a pair of trousers. Not a single song in words or notes has been submitted to the JOURNAL in reply to last year's earnest exhortation. Once more they are asked.

On the table lies the October *Key*. Kappa Kappa Gamma has had a convention. It was the eleventh bi-ennial convention and held at Indianapolis, August 24, 25, and 26. It was very much like other conventions, judged from the report published in *The Key*. A lot of girls got together and resolved. They were welcomed by a speech, and speeches and debates were numerous during the meeting, but they spoiled the whole thing by having a couple of men to appear on the rostrum. They sang songs and they played music and had a good time generally, the now necessary adjunct, a banquet, closing the session and the girls returned to their various chapters "full of love and enthusiasm for dear old Kappa" and resolved to do more than ever before for her welfare and prosperity.

The Key has a department called "The Parthenon" to which the different Chapters contribute articles upon some subject of sorority interest—and it is a good idea, too. Chapters ought to be heard from on all such questions.

The *Chi Phi Chakett* for June is a pictorial number. The well-known University of Virginia, the University of Texas, and eleven Chapters of Chi Phi are herein represented by their counterfeit presentments. These chapter groups show the diversity of talent and personal appearance of Chi Phi, which go from the ideal dude in the conventional dress suit to the long-haired and angular student to whom the word "german" has but one meaning. It takes various kinds of men to make a fraternity, but if they are the right kind of material they are the same kind of men after all.

Aside from portraiture, history is the distinguishing characteristic of this number of the *Chakett*. The University of Virginia, the University of Texas, and the Southern Order of Chi

Phi are all here treated historically. Were it not for the good there is in repeating and becoming thoroughly familiar with good things the first of these sketches would seem superfluous, as probably every Southerner is familiar with the cause and manner of the establishment of that institution; and its founder is so well known that his name has passed into an adjective. *The Chakett* presents twenty-four pages of "Appendix to Register" corresponding to our annual catalogue.

Theodore A. K. Gessler, D.D., and John Howard Harris, Ph.D., LL.D., are the especial subjects of the attention of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* for July. Both are eminent Sigma Chis and one can fairly presume that they are entitled to all the praise which they receive. They look like very good men, but one of them too much resembles the age's greatest mountebank to be taken into one's confidence save on probation. Sigma Chi is about to publish a new song book, and numerous rhymes, candidates for admission into that collection of classic words and harmony, are published in the current *Quarterly*.

From the *Quarterly's* "The Destiny of the College Graduate," in which there is some truth and much humor, comes the following clipping:

"The 'sweet girl graduate' becomes the victim of the *Texas Siftings*, while her companion of the sterner sex languishes beneath the keen humor of daily papers of national standing. Harvard and Yale are thanked for liberating so many good baseball players who are needed in the 'profession.' The class of '92 is said to contain one average missionary and forty-three splendid quarter-backs.

"This might be endured if the testimony were universal that these men would be future successes even in the realm of athletics. But it is very broadly hinted that the graduate will be a total nonentity in society.

"Act I.—It is the night of commencement day. George Firstgrade, of the graduating class, stands beneath the stars, the names of many of which he has acquired during his senior year, to aid him in 'the battle of life,' and bids farewell to his college girl, while from surrounding wood-sheds and fences come ever and anon the usual orchestral accompaniments. George has acquitted himself nobly that day in a discussion of the Finite versus the Infinite, or the Esoteric Influence of a Deity. It is no wonder that he feels that the world will come to his feet and ask his assistance in making its progress. Hence a

college paper always announces that a graduate 'accepts' a position, when in reality he and all his family and friends have struggled six months to obtain it for him. But we have left George too long beneath the stars. He has completed his adieus at 2 A. M., and having decorated her with the be-jeweled emblem of the Ruta Baga Gamma Fraternity, these two separate, to meet again when he has 'accepted' one of the numerous positions which are awaiting him.

"Act II.—In the heat of summer George's girl learns with happiness that he now draws a one hundred and fifty dollar salary, and is about to take a short vacation at Newport. She concludes to surprise him, and papa is persuaded, in view of the fact that she is twenty-eight years old, to take her to a seaside resort. The first meal at their Newport hotel brings us to the tableau. They are seated at the table when there approaches to take their order a man whose brain has been trained by four years of college routine, but who slings soup for a living. He has settled the Esoteric Influence of a Deity, but he has prevaricated about his one hundred and fifty dollar salary. This waiter, the soup-slinger of Newport, his pompadour reduced, his cigarette laid aside, his three-inch collar abandoned, is George the college graduate—the Ruta Baga Gamma."

In the same article there appears the following sensible sentence, which deserves an encore :

"The college cannot relieve itself of the responsibility, [of its graduates using poor English and being poor spellers] for so long as its diploma represents perfect knowledge of plant-life and fossil-existence, and complete ignorance of the laws, customs, and terminology of trade, that diploma can obtain little respect in the great world of business."

There is a proposed amendment to the constitution of Sigma Chi which receives some attention in this number of the *Quarterly*, and from which Kappa Alphas may learn a lesson. The law proposed to be amended is that the Grand Chapter, which corresponds to our Biennial Convention, shall consist of one delegate appointed by each active and Alumni Chapter of the fraternity; and a majority of the delegates is necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business. To an outsider this seems to be a very wise provision, yet the writer says that for ten years the Grand Chapter would have been unable to transact business were it not for "proxies." Contrast our constitution with that of Sigma Chi.

The third of the series of papers on Rainbow (W. W. W.) History appears in *The Rainbow* for July. It continues the disappointment of the second article of the series. It seems that *The Rainbow* did like a great many men in commercial life which the old darkey explained as follows: The reason that the big apples are all on top and the little ones under the bottom is from the same cause that Mr. Jones' house is brown stone front and in the back is mostly slop barrel.

The first of these articles on Rainbow History was really interesting to all fraternity men.

The Rainbow reviews the college annuals. THE JOURNAL never attempted this but once and then it was a miserable failure, as only two annuals were received and the comment on the two was contained in about two lines. From seeing the reviews in other magazines, however, THE JOURNAL has become acquainted with the names of the different annuals and to the *Badger*, the *Gopher*, the *Technique*, the *Oriflamme*, the *Comet*, the *Cornellian*, the *Buchtelite*, the *Pandoras*, the *Palladium*, the *Reserve*, the *Link* and the *Occident* THE JOURNAL extends its best wishes for a long life of regular habits.

The current numbers of some of the fraternity magazines might be called presidential issues. *The Scroll* prints miserable pictures of Benjamin Harrison and Adlai E. Stevenson, along with a likewise poor cut of John W. Foster, another of Scott Bonham and still another of Dr. J. M. Worrall. Now the last three of these are not presidential candidates, but John W. Foster is something of a politician and has figured quite conspicuously in the present campaign—and they are all Phi Delta Thetas. For the sake of the parties which these men represent *The Scroll* should apologize for such productions. If Mr. Stevenson had not been presented in this number of *The Scroll* one might think that Dr. Brown was a staunch Democrat trying to make Democratic votes by exposing the ugliness of the Republican representatives; and if he presented Mr. Stevenson leaving Mr. Harrison and Mr. Foster out, we would have been sure that he was a Republican trying to frighten Democrats into the Republican fold by the hideousness of their nominee. But, whether the Doctor is Republican, Democrat, Populite, or for woman's suffrage, he is a politician in that he has done neither of the things above spoken of, but has shown both sides of the picture. Why, to think of it, he must be a Populite, for it is they who are heaping abuse upon both the old parties. To bring

himself into good terms with his fraternity in general he should surely now publish a likeness of Mr. Weaver.

But this was started by speaking of Presidential issues of magazines. The frontispiece of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* for July is a good lithograph of Whitelaw Reid, which is accompanied by a finely written sketch of the man from the pen of Andrew C. Kemper. Julian Hawthorne contributes to the current *Quarterly* an article on "Sincerity in Imagination," which is a strong appeal for sincerity in the literary world, beseeching writers not to start with an idea of imagining impossibilities for the sake of writing them, but to write only that which to the writer seems real, actual, honest; in other words, not to create monstrosities for the sake of admiring them.

There is a good deal of quiet humor in the *Quarterly's* chapter letter from Cornell. Among others there appears the sentence, "Since our last chapter letter Cornell has attracted the attention of the educational world by the resignation of President Adams and the appointment of Professor Schurman as his successor." A new idea is contained in that. Why not other institutions advertise themselves by having presidents resign and selecting new ones? But an improvement might be made. Let every man when elected president place his resignation in the hands of the board of control, so that at an opportune time it could be accepted and a new president elected, who, in turn, should immediately present his resignation, to be acted upon, of course, when times were dull and the institution needed the attention of the educational world. In accepting the resignation of No. 2 the board might supply the vacancy thus created by the re-election of No. 1, and thus would additional attention be attracted by the vindication of the recently deposed presiding officer. There is nothing like such a scheme for attracting attention, and in this day of four-dollar-a-line-pica-each-insertion advertising it would be a regular money-saving invention. Cornell, go head.

Now *The Scroll*, besides being presidential, is also astronomical in lore. Whether this is to signify that presidential aspirations are or should be high, or whether it means that some of the candidates must necessarily get blown "sky high," is somewhat uncertain; but the fact remains that the combination is presented, and the reader may deduce the moral. The heavenly portion of *The Scroll* consists of several cuts from the Vanderbilt *Comet*, being the prologue, the athletic field at Vanderbilt, and the Mis-

Mississippi Club's cut and motto, "Pretty women and ugly men." Giving this additional notice to the *Comet* is very appropriate at the present time, as the *Comet* was named in honor of Prof. E. E. Barnard, a student and instructor at Vanderbilt when the *Comet* was founded, but now stationed at the Lick Observatory, and who a few weeks ago added a world to the universe and made himself the foremost astronomer of the century by the discovery of the fifth satellite of Jupiter.

The Scroll editorially professes to present "spiking material" for Phi Delta Theta for the fall campaign, and right well is the object accomplished. Not only the glories of Phi Delta Theta are sung, but the editor justly indulges in a fling at some other organizations. It will be entirely too late for campaign purposes when this number of the JOURNAL reaches its readers, but, campaign or no campaign, the editorial in *The Scroll* is deserved, every word of it, and the whole Greek press should unite in an effort to kill the spirit manifested by these mock ceremonies. The whole of the Greek world has for years been preaching and talking and resolving against such proceedings, and it is high time that those who practice them be boycotted. *The Scroll* says:

"The fraternity world has had some novel and amusing spectacles played before it in the year just drawing to a close. 'When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war' is the well-known adage that it has been customary to see exemplified entirely among the collegians. Last winter Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Phi had a little rush, and the former celebrated its victory by reading the ritual of its fraternity to Grover Cleveland on board a railway train speeding toward Ann Arbor.

"In the northeastern part of Ohio, near the city of Alliance, there is an institution known as Mt. Union College. Here chapters of Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon flourish, each endeavoring in all things to surpass the other. Not content with student acquisitions, the chapters are now waging the war among the college trustees. Last winter Alpha Tau Omega announced the initiation of S. J. Williams and T. R. Morgan, Sr., and awaited the consternation that the bomb was to make in the camp of their rival. Sigma Alpha Epsilon retaliated in like manner, and announced Lewis Miller and Governor William McKinley as her initiates. The ceremonies of the initiation of the latter took place in the Governor's office, and from the time of the arrival of the committee until its

departure there was an actual space of several minutes. Again not to be overdone, Alpha Tau Omega announces the election of Bishop J. H. Vincent and Lieutenant Johnson, Professor of Military Science and Tactics. At this point commencement put a stop to the friendly rivalry, but doubtless Sigma Alpha Epsilon has some deep scheme brewing that at the opening of the new year will satisfy her ambitions over her rival. Meanwhile Sigma Nu has entered the field with a chapter of nine men, who, for two years, had been seekers after fraternity relations. Now that there are three parties in the field we do not know how the campaign will be waged. Sigma Nu will doubtless find the 'barbs' among the trustees pretty well culled by her rivals, and may seek her 'distinguished alumni' from other sources.

"The ink was scarcely dry on the announcement of Governor McKinley's election than in the account of a banquet it was announced that 'a letter of regret was read from Governor McKinley, an honored member of the order, who, unfortunately, could not be present.' We presume that the names will be used on other like occasions, and in impressing the younger and impressionable barbs of Mt. Union."

The JOURNAL has received another visit from the *Shield and Diamond*, of Pi Kappa Alpha. For some unknown reason their visits are too irregular and infrequent. The *Shield and Diamond* is hardly constructed or conducted after the general order of fraternity magazines, but it is evidently a valuable adjunct of the organization which it represents.

The *College Fraternity* is the name of a new magazine published in New York by leading members of several fraternities, and intended for circulation among fraternity men in general. The project has been on hand for some time, and the editors, F. M. Crossett, of Phi Gamma Delta, and E. H. L. Randolph, of Phi Delta Theta, have corresponded with the editors of the various fraternity magazines in regard to securing their co-operation in the enterprise. The JOURNAL will gladly welcome the publication. A letter was received, several days ago, saying that copies of the magazine had been mailed the JOURNAL, but they are not yet to hand.

The JOURNAL will have to postpone the review of some of the exchanges now on the table until next issue.

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My Ambition.

TO H. M.

'Tis not to seek in far-off countries wealth of gold ;
'Tis not to war 'neath shining helm, as men of old ;
'Tis not in lists to combat fiercely for thy sake,
And daring many rival lances there to break ;
These, dear, are not the feats of love that I would do.
But—to be in all things both noble, good and true,
That worthy of thee I may ever be in life,
Fitted to take thy hand in mine and call thee wife ;
And then, in pleasures, to rejoice with thee in heart ;
Or, in sorrows, be comforting, to ease thy part,
Giving an honest, gentle love, receiving thine,
So rich and pure, which should my grosser love refine.
Thus, for thy love, I battle bravely in the strife,
To be thy help-mate, worthy of thy love through life.

Baltimore, Md.

W. S. H.

The Next Convention at Chicago.

IN an article in May number of the JOURNAL the writer introduced the subject of where the next convention of the fraternity should be held, and advocated its meeting in the World's Fair Grounds in Chicago during the month of September, 1893, giving some of his reasons for the belief that this would be the most suitable place as well as the most convenient to all the members of our order.

Since that time this belief has been strengthened by conversation and correspondence with brothers of several chapters and in different states.

Modestly, yet at the same time feeling confident in the rightfulness of our cause, and encouraged by the counsel of others, we shall here repeat some of the arguments used there, giving them, perhaps, somewhat more in detail, and try to answer what objections to the plan have reached our ears, and refute the idea of the impracticability of the scheme.

In the first place, Chicago at that time will be more accessible to all the chapters in the various States than any other city we might choose. The railroad fare for the round trip from all points in the South will be, at the most, only 40 per cent. of what it usually is, and less than the fare to any city within our boundaries.

There will be, contrary to general opinion on the subject at present, a great number of boarding-houses, during the whole six months' progress of the exposition, within ten minutes' ride of the grounds, where boarding and lodging can be had at from six to ten dollars a week. We dare assert that the round trip from the most distant chapter in Texas or South Carolina will not exceed fifteen to eighteen dollars; so that the entire cost need not be more than thirty dollars. Of course, if the convention is held in some city in which we have a chapter, the delegates will be provided for by the chapter so inviting it there, and the living expenses thereby much lessened. But even if it does convene, say, in Baltimore, Lexington, Ky., or Nashville, it would even then be more costly in the end to the delegates, owing to the high railroad fare, than in Chicago. In looking over the minutes of all the conventions of the past ten years, it is a noticeable fact that, of the members of every one, one-third, at least, were delegates by proxy, and were themselves members of different chapters from those they represented, and knew nothing of the wishes of their "assumed constituents." By meeting in Chicago we believe every chapter will be represented by at least one of its men who will be in touch with the chapter at home on all the leading subjects likely to be discussed and acted on by the convention. It will be no trouble to have all the delegates there, because they will naturally be there to attend the fair, convention or no convention.

Let us have a convention for once, at least, in which every member is a duly accredited delegate from his chapter, and the true sentiment and opinion of every chapter is really expressed. We notice in the midsummer number of the JOURNAL that our K. C. discourages its being held in Chicago simply for the

reason that it could not there be a working convention—as the next one *must* certainly be—because the delegates would not attend regularly, but that “leaves of absence” would be so frequent that no business of importance could receive the attention it deserves. To us it hardly seems conceivable that in all “Kappa Alphadom” a man can be found so recreant to his duty that, having been elected the delegate of his chapter, he would not devote his whole time and care to the work intrusted to the convention during its session. But if it is feared that such might be the case, the K. C. could issue an order beforehand allowing no delegate to leave the hall during the sitting of the convention, and requiring his attendance the whole time it is in session. By a little effort a room in some state building could be secured for the convention to hold its meetings in, if not some more commodious hall.

Moreover, a much larger number of alumni could and would make it convenient to be present at the convention if held there than any other place, and a reunion of K. A.’s, such as never happened in the history of the order, would take place upon that eventful and historic spot.

This article has been plainly and simply written, with no attempt at rhetorical flourishes, but an effort has been made to reach the gist of the matter, and, by stating the facts and figures in detail, to prove that the scheme is entirely feasible, and, if carried to completion, will redound to the continued good of the fraternity. It will be admired by other fraternities for its very uniqueness, and our order will win a name and a fame for its good sense and progressiveness, and in the future, as in the past, we shall easily hold the *primum locum* in our beloved Southland, besides making ourselves better known beyond our sectional boundaries.

Let every chapter take hold of the matter and send in a petition to the K. C. requesting that the next biennial convention of the fraternity meet in Chicago in September, 1893. T. R. B.

This Year's Affairs.

I CONCEIVE it to be the duty of the K. C. to inform the Order through the JOURNAL of current facts of general interest brought to his knowledge. In this view I have to state that the condition of the Fraternity is at present excellent. Great spirit has been shown this session in recruiting the ranks depleted by the conversion in June of active members into alumni. The following table exhibits the strength with which each Chapter (A-Theta excepted) began the year 1892-93, and its strength now, November 30, as indicated by reports so far received :

CHAPTERS.	BEGAN WITH	HAVE NOW	CHAPTERS.	BEGAN WITH	HAVE NOW
Alpha	6	10	Phi	4	13
Gamma	12	18	Chi	8	11
Delta	7	10	Psi	4	13
Epsilon	13	19	Omega	6	11
Eta	8	13	A-Alpha	9	12
Iota	7	12	A-Beta	7	14
Kappa	5	11	A-Gamma	6	9
Lambda	11	23	A-Delta	3	5
Mu	5	6	A-Epsilon	4	9
Nu	9	16	A-Zeta	3	8
Xi	9	13	A-Eta	5	8
Omicron	4	5	A-Theta	10	10
Sigma	8	12	A-Iota	6	7
Upsilon	5	9	A-Kappa	5	5
			A-Lambda	5	15

Adding *sub rosa* membership (not stated in the table) I place the number with which we began the session at 207, our number now at 356. It is probable that we shall exceed last year's membership.

Last July Mr. Barrow, of Beta, at my request, represented our Fraternity at the conference of Fraternity men held in Chicago to consider the propriety of a Fraternity exhibit at the World's Fair. I instructed our representative that we should probably conclude not to do more than to exhibit our catalogue of 1891, and some bound volumes of the JOURNAL. I should be glad to have from the Chapters an early indication of their views, and to learn whether any of them have banners, etc., which they would wish to exhibit.

I have just been notified of the appointment of your K. C. to the position of a "member of the Advisory Council of the

World's Congress Auxiliary of the World's Columbian Exposition on a Congress of College Fraternities."

The demise of Zeta was due to morbid "selectness"—the name chapter indolence likes to give itself. In May last I urged the chapter to strengthen itself with good men, seeing its membership of four was insufficient to meet the peril of a vacation. The answer was that it was impossible for Zeta to find other men worthy of it; that four men would be present to begin 1892-93, and that all would be right. As a matter of fact, not a single Kappa Alpha returned; Zeta's fastidious "selectness" killed it.

REPORTS.

It gives me pleasure to state that the chapters, upon the whole, have done well in sending reports and in performing their other duties to the Order. A number of them have paid up "back dues"—the dues unpaid at the close of last session. Some of our strongest chapters, however, have this pleasure still in prospect.

October.—The C. S. reports of October 1 came promptly from Alpha, Gamma, Epsilon, Eta, Mu, Nu, Xi, Sigma, Chi, Psi, Omega, Alpha-Alpha, Alpha-Beta, Alpha-Delta and Alpha-Iota. Those of Alpha-Iota and Omega came first. Kappa's was withheld until October 25, Lambda's till November 18, and Alpha-Lambda's until November 20. Eleven chapters—Delta, Iota, Omicron, Upsilon, Phi, Alpha-Gamma, Alpha-Zeta, Alpha-Eta, Alpha-Theta and Alpha-Kappa, failed to send any C. S. report at all.

Happily the Pursers' reports for September and October were better remembered. All the chapters have reported, sooner or later, and all but Lambda and A-Theta have met their dues more or less fully.

November.—The C. S. reports for November have been received from all chapters except Delta, Epsilon, Iota, Omicron, Psi, Alpha-Delta, Alpha-Epsilon, Alpha-Eta, Alpha-Theta and Alpha-Kappa. I wish to call the attention of the C. S.'s of Delta, Iota, Omicron, Sigma, Upsilon, Psi, Alpha-Delta, Alpha-Epsilon, Alpha-Eta, Alpha-Theta and Alpha-Iota to the fact that they have not, on page 2 of the October report, or since, given the names of their members. That page must be filled out in the next report sent in. On January 1, 1893, another quarter begins, and page 2 will again need to be filled out. Let no information there required be omitted. The

Annual Catalogue can not be compiled unless the names of members with other prescribed data are thus supplied.

Pursers' reports have been received for November from all chapters except Epsilon, Alpha-Epsilon and Alpha-Theta, and dues have been paid by all except Epsilon, Lambda, Alpha-Delta, Alpha-Epsilon, Alpha-Theta and Alpha-Kappa.

As showing what promptness is, I mention the fact that Delta, Sigma, Alpha-Alpha, Alpha-Epsilon, Alpha-Iota, and Alpha Lambda have already at this date sent in the Pursers' reports due December 1.

S. Z. A., K. C.

November 30, 1892.

Idle Talk of an Idle Moment.

SURELY, we have had too much prosperity! It is only by applying the physical law of action and reaction that we can explain the momentary decay which the chapter letters in the October JOURNAL reveal. Sixteen (all that number mentions) of the thirty-two chapters report 106 men returned or transferred and 45 initiated; while the October, 1891, letters from these same chapters show 49 initiates are to be added to the old membership of 135. Therefore, there is a decrease in the returned membership of 20 per cent., and in the new a decrease of 10 per cent. Our worthy K. C. has shown (April, 1892) that the number of active Kappa Alphas in 1892 would have been less than the preceding year had not chapters been established and revived. So there has been a constant decrease. Such a great decrease is not to be credited to desire for smaller chapters, but in part, at least, to a reaction, the exact cause being unknown. Financial depression, etc., does not explain. To time and internal work must we look for aid. The effect of this numerical decrease is not merely that of fewer members. A feeling of indifference comes with sudden decrease; a little dissension in a chapter, thus made small, wrecks it; evils in number could be found.

The chapter letters might be improved by removing some of the padding and braggadocio to make room for news. In chronicling honors the mere mention is insufficient. College honors—all honors—are comparative; therefore to appraise the value we would be told how many real applicants there had been, the nature of the honor, for what conferred—ability or popularity. Also do we wish to know something of the standing of the other Greek-

letter societies. The average secretary only enumerates K. A. victories, in hope, I suppose that K. A. pride will consider all other successes as unworthy of mention.

This much-abused scribe, like other folk, often permits his enthusiasm to outwrestle his good sense, but even this is hardly an excuse for so much that so frequently finds place in all chapter letters of all Greek journals. From the chapter letter department of our own publication I reinsert two objectionable passages, and italicize them: "We try to be the *most superior* fraternity in college, and we believe we succeed. * * * * The *most excellent* material has been invited to join us, and all signs indicate that *every* invitation will be accepted." Such is the enthusiasm—to use the kinder word—that even these superlative adjectives seem inadequate to express the superiority of Kappa Alpha. I believe others will agree with me in that adjectives of high comparison are not needed should we speak of the superiority of this correspondent and his chapter in common courtesy and good will over their college rivals that are thus defamed without chance of redress. Sometimes the C. S., together with others of the chapter, feels ill over a defeat. 'Tis natural then to write harshly of the victor, but it is not commendable. The editor's blue pencil has lost a worthy object for adornment in this: "We were again, by a small majority obtained by *certain methods*, deprived of *our* prestige on the Blue List. Gerryman-dering for a bare majority average by descending to temporary preparatory studies, side lines, petty make-shifts, we consider too far beneath the dignity of scholarly manhood." Well pleased with his explanation of defeat, our brother wraps about him the robe of virtue and avers: "Our policy is: What you do, do well; stick to a regular course; take all you can consistent with thorough, conscientious work; stoop to no petty tricks; strike bravely from the shoulder out, and never miss a distinction in any study throughout the whole membership of the chapter." Those words in the first half are harsh, and the implication is rude. So Pharisaical is the latter half that I fear the effect is lost to me.

What use, O Scribes! in heralding each initiate as one in whom the order is to take especial pride, or even writing, "He will make us a worthy member?" Can't the order assume so much?

When I consider the trouble—almost anarchy—that came with the change of the ritual in olden time, I am urged to believe that change for us now is not the best. That there are paragraphs of high tone is not to be denied. Yet I fear a revision committee

would know no more where to stop than the biennial convention; and who is to say that a new ritual would be so much better? From the hands of a "rhetorical set" we should have "highest tone;" a philosophical committee might create something to which the recent remarks of the editor on the disuse of brother would well apply; a mixture of the two, being unable to agree, could produce nothing. As the ritual is to-day there is sufficient solemnity for the incomer, sufficient beauty for unnumbered readings. However, if a chapter so desires, greater impressiveness may come with vessels of peculiar construction, after the manner of Tulane.

In change of constitution all the fraternity will aid, since constitutional change has been the chiefest work of the later conventions. The ritual has so far been thought good enough.

An half hour spent in inquiring why certain chapters continually fail to pay dues may be of profit to the coming convention. A mark of brotherhood, is it, to permit another to bear expenses? Fifteen of the chapters were in debt at the close of 1892, with five of those owing more than they paid.

So Beta chapter is Beta chapter still. The order declares to the faculty of Beta's home, Beta is dead; the JOURNAL affirms Beta is dead; the membership opposed to *sub rosa* chapters feel righteous in knowing Beta is dead, yet each commencement day a graduating class affix the shield of Kappa Alpha, and expect to partake of such benefits that afterward come of Kappa Alpha without ever doing aught to the support of the order other than lending their names for enrollment.

Honors are won by honest labor.

JULIUS E. WILLOUGHBY.

Chapter Occupations.

THE admirable article by our G. P. in the JOURNAL of October, on "The Limitations of the Greek Press," suggests an inquiry. What are the factors of successful chapter life? "When a chapter's organization is perfect," says the G. P., "when its membership is all that can be desired, when it is well quartered and in every way well provided for, it has merely arranged the preliminaries." Possibly "when the initiations for the year are over with, and the chapter is thrown back upon itself for some-

thing to interest itself in, it may, like a man on a dull, rainy day, be led to doubt whether there was ever any real reason for its being." The question may emerge: "Well, really, was the thing worth all this trouble?"

Such reflections are bound to occur to members of chapters unprovided with plans and devices for promoting social and intellectual intercourse. *Ennui* is sure to invade a fraternal gathering in which persons, for want of a programme, sit staring idly at each other, or have, at best, only the worn path of "regular" business and parliamentary forms to traverse. There must be variety. There must be something—trivial or important—to do if the chapter meeting is to be attractive. Social enjoyment comes as an incident of doing something—as a by-product, so to speak. At every chapter meeting there should be something besides the regular order of business to enliven the proceedings.

The ritual proposes a general aim—"to nourish friendship and teach nobility." The constitution sets forth a method of chapter and inter-chapter work directed to the attainment of this fraternity aim. Both constitution and ritual are indispensable, if a college fraternity is to possess spirit, coherence and solidity enough to exist for a quarter of a century and make its power felt from South Carolina to Missouri; from Texas to Maryland. It will not do to depreciate either ritual or constitution. It is the possession of these that distinguishes the permanent fraternity from the evanescent local chapter—a temporary aggregation based on personal impulses and incapable of surviving three vacations.

Still the working of the chapter is our supreme concern. In it resides the vitality of a fraternity—the spark of divine fire that animates its whole organization, local and general. The convention, the general officers and the JOURNAL exist wholly for the service and upbuilding of the chapter. Our best energies should be directed to measures for its good. We should strive to supply it with all the hints and helps it needs for a happy and successful internal life. I should like to possess, for six months, a magic ring that would make the wearer invisible, and at the same time give him powers of locomotion at lightning speed. It would be valuable and useful in many ways. Among other things, it would enable me to look in upon the meetings of our chapters and study their procedure. How does Gamma, our ancient exponent of Kappa Alpha principles and practice, conduct its meetings? With what spirit do its members listen to the

Master's voice in the opening ceremonies? With what degree of solemnity, training, skill and impressiveness of manner do they conduct an initiation? With what decorum do they transact business? Is all done decently and in order?

Gamma is still, doubtless, as of old—a worthy exemplar of Kappa Alpha virtues. But how about the other chapters? I should like to drop in upon them all to see wherein their chapter life consists; to see whether it is everywhere elevating, everywhere practically beneficial, everywhere successful. How shall a chapter occupy itself so as to escape *ennui* after the exciting events of the year are past? "What tangible occupation," the G. P. asks, "shall a fraternity have?" I do not profess to be able to answer the question satisfactorily; my experience of chapter life is of old date; fifty of our present active members could give more light on this matter than I can, and I hope they will utilize their fresher and fuller knowledge in the JOURNAL for our common benefit. But I may be permitted, perhaps, to tell what we did in the Old Alpha, and to make certain suggestions that occur to me. I thoroughly enjoyed Alpha's chapter meetings. We were bent on self-improvement. We accordingly found benefit in the business part of the meeting—the time not given by official direction to purely social intercourse—by practicing ourselves in parliamentary law. We read original essays, or were fined if we didn't; we declaimed soul-stirring orations; sometimes we recited a poem we had committed to memory. These "literary exercises" were useful, and gave us besides, amusement and pleasure; encouraged by sympathetic comrades, the timid orator first gained confidence among us to plume his young wings and soar among the stars. Every sort of talent was encouraged. We talked and read a deal of nonsense to each other, no doubt, but it helped us amazingly. All of us did better afterwards in our literary societies, and in the world outside, for the stimulus obtained in the plaudits of brothers. I am certain that our essays, declamations and recitations brought us entertainment; they also warmed our hearts. Kappa Alpha aims were often the theme of our oratory and poems; devotion to the Fraternity was unquestionably fostered by our literary exercises.

A like programme, only enlarged and varied, will perhaps be found useful now to chapters whose proceedings are at times dull. Let business be transacted with dispatch under the spur of a masterful presiding officer; come as quickly as possible to

the portion of the evening set apart for social enjoyment—conversation, speeches, music, etc.

Every chapter ought, I think, to have a small library in its chapter room. There should be, of course, bound volumes of the JOURNAL, collections of chapter and convention minutes, catalogues of the fraternity and other fraternity publications. But there should be also books on subjects relating to the objects and aims of organizations like ours. It is only by means of this literature that the new member can become a ripe fraternity man, capable of contributing to the advancement of the Order. Among the books every Kappa Alpha chapter should own and read is "The History of King Arthur," of the "Camelot" Series, edited by Ernest Rhys. This book of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round-Table is Sir Thomas Malory's "Morte D'Arthur," or so much of it as tells the story of the mystic Utler's son and of the quest of the Holy Grail. In the life of the reputed founder of the first company of noble knights every Kappa Alpha must feel an interest. In Sir Galahad, as in the King, he will find an exemplar of virtues he delights to honor. The book is in the quaint old English of 1485, when Caxton brought out the first edition of "Morte d'Arthur." Its 323 pages are full of meat. It is, of course, the basis of Lord Tennyson's "Idyls of the King," which I also recommend for reading at chapter meetings. Brief selections from these poems would grace many an evening. Every Kappa Alpha should supplement them with private reading in encyclopædias and elsewhere about the Knights Templar, the Knights of St. John and the establishment of the Order of the Garter by King Edward III. We have a special interest in this department of history, and our essayists and medalists have here a fertile field in which to exercise their talent.

The chapter might, each year, I think, with propriety, require one or more original essays, or speeches, from its members on its own history; confided to the G. H. for preservation these compositions would have permanent value. Parts of the ritual, given by the G. M. to essayists for elucidation, would supply material for interesting discourses. These are a few expedients for making the chapter meeting useful and attractive. There are doubtless other and better ways which I shall hope to see suggested in the next JOURNAL.

S. Z. A.

November 30, 1892.

Internal Progress.

MEN often fall into the use of a phrase which is so frequently written or spoken as to partake somewhat of cant. The meaning is obscured or lost sight of in the pell-mell of rhetoric and the more substantial hurries of life. If a phrase is worthy of repetition, it should have some meaning of real import. If it has such a meaning, the meaning should be carefully preserved with the phrase, lest the phrase itself fall into idle nothingness. Such a phrase is "Internal Progress."

It has been declared that in maturity of organizations, when the enlarging of boundaries is curtailed, then must energy be directed to internal progress. By internal progress is meant, that progression and advancement of position among similar organizations by a well-directed effort to thoroughly develop the possibilities that are already in possession, and an evolving of further possibilities from the possibilities now in possession, and the development of those possibilities thus evolved; and continuously in this manner until that point is reached where no other possibilities can thus arise. In a college fraternity or any similar organization such evolution is well-nigh limitless.

When a man is born into this world, for a period of years he grows larger in frame and in muscle. His features change with the passing years. He grows taller and broader and stronger, until he reaches the full stature of manhood. After this, by training and labor, he hardens his muscles and toughens his bones and sinews. He develops in and around his frame those qualities of strength and endurance which enable him to contend with the world. Not only does he devote time and energy to physical faculties, but he devotes time and energy to the development and strengthening of his mental faculties, and all faculties of spiritual rather than physical nature. And so he continues, day after day, year after year, until he reaches the point where the flame of vitality no longer gives light to direct his effort. Such a development in man is well likened to the development of an organization by what is known as internal progress.

From a small circle in Washington and Lee University came the life of our Order. For a period of years its growth

was outward. One by one the various institutions of learning in the South were entered and chapters of this Fraternity were established, until most of them, in fact nearly all of them, that are desirable homes for chapters, are at present occupied. Fettered by that which was at first a sentiment and afterward a policy, the Order has never but once gone beyond the border of that portion of our country known as the South. That departure proved disastrous. It is not probable that such an excursion will ever be attempted again. We come face to face with this condition: As far as extension is concerned, we can grow outwardly only as institutions of learning grow in our section. We can strengthen and develop as we are by what is known as internal progress.

The purpose of this writing is to define what the writer understands by internal progress, as relating to our Order.

In the beginning it can be declared that internal progress may be divided into general and special progress. By general progress is meant the progress of the Order as a whole, through the development of its general affairs. By special progress is meant the progress of the Order through the development of its component parts, the chapters.

It is a well settled principle that, however strong the component parts of any body are, if these parts are not united by well organized plans, and thus worked in strong unison, the greater part of strength is lost. It is another well settled principle that a strong unison and well directed supervision of integral parts will not only give an appearance of greater strength to these parts, but will result in an actual strengthening of them. So it is true that a strong general government and a wise conduct of its affairs will tend to strengthen the Order as a whole and the chapters as chapters.

First to be considered here is the development of our Fraternity by internal progress in its general affairs.

By our Constitution we have four general departments: First, the office of K. C., the supervisor of the entire body. The K. C. should strive to know the condition of every chapter in every respect. He is thus enabled to advise and aid the various chapters. He should know the financial condition of the Order, and the history of its past and present. Thus will he be a tower of strength as an officer, and thus will he be able to suggest various changes and improvements. He should be diligent in the gathering of information as to the institutions where chapters

are established, and where it is proposed to establish a chapter.

The Historian should so conduct his affairs as to make it possible at any time to publish an accurate history of the Order. He should know the Fraternity from the beginning until now. He thus armed, can detect weakness and assign error in action.

The Grand Purser should carefully collect the funds and keep accounts in a thorough and systematic manner. He should advise as to all expenditures.

The JOURNAL as a means of communication between chapters and the alumni, by bringing them in contact, should keep alive a spirit of enthusiasm, and, at the same time, by endeavoring to bring the best thought of the Order upon various questions considered by the Fraternity, should materially aid in securing a wise solution of all such questions. Not only this, but it should be interesting as well as instructive. Being the means of communication with other Fraternities, it should be creditably edited.

Striving for highest results in all these departments, and the gradual attaining of results in these departments, in some way, are parts of internal progress.

Much can be said in praise of the progress that has been made in these directions. However, this article is not meant to deal in compliments or reproofs, but to state definitions.

Next to be considered is the special development by internal progress; namely, the development of the various chapters. Chapters after all are the reason of the existence of all college fraternities. A fraternity with thoroughly conducted general departments, but with poor chapters, is deformed. It might be compared to an addled egg. In the first place, chapters should necessarily be composed of good men. Care should be exercised in the selection of men, yet this should not be extended to exclusiveness, which kills. Men being chosen, they should be stimulated to achievement in college and life. As the men stand, so stands the chapter; as the chapters stand, so stands the Fraternity. The object of a fraternity should be to make men true, noble and useful. High ideals should be cultivated, and earnest realities should be brought about. The chapter should meet regularly, and the members should attend regularly. Much regularity enhances fraternity spirit, gives life to the purposes of such an organization, and, by these means, adds prestige to the chapter among the other students. Active dignity should always be found — not the dignity that weakens, but

the dignity that commands. Rushing should be deprecated. The chapter should keep square financially with the fraternity and the world. Unpaid dues of chapters make bankrupt fraternities. Plans are made and obligations contracted on the faith of the payment of dues. All chapters should pay their dues. The chapter should incur no debt that it is not able to pay. Failure to pay such brings results too well known to need description. If a chapter is able to live luxuriously, well and good ; but extravagant outlays to gratify the members' appetites, to dazzle the barbarian world, or to excite the jealousy of rival Greeks while the fraternity wants its dues, or the outside world clamors for its dues, is severely wrong, and will sooner or later end in a lamentable state.

The chapter should keep its records carefully and fully. It should endeavor to keep up with those members who leave college. It should make such reports to the various officers as those officers desire. These reports should be made promptly. An air of business and promptness gives zest to any undertaking. The JOURNAL should always receive its quota of attention. Letters should be well written, and an effort should be made to make them readable.

The chapter meeting should be a source of pleasure and profit combined. Its exercises should be conducted with decorum, without stiffness, with proper solemnity at times, and with gaiety without rowdyism at others. To discuss a model chapter meeting here would require too much space. That is the problem we must solve hereafter. Each man should take a pride in his chapter, and have a pleasure in its meetings. The initiations should be impressively conducted. Upon that much depends, in at once bringing the initiate into perfect sympathy and accord with the chapter and the fraternity.

Such are a few of the lines upon which energy may be expended with good results. If fraternity life means anything, it can be secured by following these or similar suggestions. Ultimately the various chapters would each be strong and powerful, and an influence among college men for good. Given strong chapters composed of strong men, governed by a strong system of general laws administered by capable and zealous men, a fraternity must inevitably prosper, even though no new chapter should be added in a decade.

The present age is too nervous. We are apt to neglect the passive opportunities while attracted by the active. The result

is invariably a collapse when thrown entirely upon the passive. It seems that internal progress can mean much; it will do much to give rank and power to our Fraternity. Careful and faithful work can make our Fraternity what it should be.

Such improvements would tend to arouse a stronger devotion on the part of the members, a devotion, indeed, which a severance of college ties would not destroy. A strong and faithful body of alumni is greatly to be desired by every college fraternity.

These suggestions are crude and in outline. Fill them out, make them shapely, and begin to strive for improvement by internal progress.

"The Opinions of 'Another' One."

I WAS much impressed with an article in the last issue of the JOURNAL entitled "Our Future." It is a well-written article, and in most parts the writer has struck the keynote to my thoughts. Following this article I notice "The Opinions of One," and think an opportunity is offered for the joint discussion of the two.

The time is drawing near when we must meet again at our biennial convention, and I think each chapter that has peculiar ideas of its own should have the same advanced from time to time in our JOURNAL. Then we can form our opinions on the subjects newly presented, and be ready to voice the sentiments of our respective chapters should they be presented at our convention. In this manner we could avoid the long, tiresome discussion usually attendant. Furthermore, this practice, if adopted, would relieve our editor of much work, and doubtless would make the JOURNAL more interesting; to the alumni especially, for we are certainly interested in the welfare of our beloved Order, and more particularly in our individual chapters.

Our new law relative to the establishment of chapters has been discussed frequently, but so far I have seen but one article on this subject directly from a chapter. Whether this law is to be repealed or remain in force we must decide before our next convention. Then let each chapter discuss and express its opinions concerning it.

From a little experience I can say this law, as it now stands, is

unheeded in its most stringent parts, and I may add justly so. It surely blockades progress in more than one way. If this law is rigidly adhered to by the "Advisory Board" no one can ever expect to see a chapter established. This surely dampens the enthusiasm of chapter members, and more particularly that of the new alumni. If this so-called "radically conservative" law is not to be executed to the letter, why have such a law? I am aware that our editor, on page 64 of last JOURNAL, strikes hard the one who should dare cry out against a law that has been unheeded, and declares we should criticise the officials rather than the law. But in reference to this law the officials cannot carry out the letter and spirit of it, unless they wish to see progress completely blocked and enthusiasm to a great extent dampened. Next to the "pulling" of new men, establishing chapters enthuses our men most. Our Fraternity, with its noble doctrines and soul-inspiring principles, is destined to become the fraternity not only of the South, but of the North, East, and West. Then whatever blocks progress or tends to dampen our enthusiasm should be speedily done away with.

The writer of this article feels keenly the cuts made at the chapters recently established, for he is proud to be known as a member of one of them—the establishment of which, perhaps, with one other, caused the adoption of the new law. Surely has the day come when a chapter or a set of boys are to be judged severely by the college they attend?

The writer of "Our Future" portrays a brilliant future for our Fraternity, and reading his article causes the fire of enthusiasm to burn in a Kappa Alpha's breast, but the memory of our new law soon causes this fire to burn no more. I voice the sentiments of Alpha-Iota Chapter when I say that evidently some marked amendments to the present law or a new law out and out must be adopted at our next convention.

The writer of "The Opinions of One" dwells upon this point to some extent, but leaves, I think, the boundary lines of love and respect when he assails some of the newly established chapters. There are those who have the opinion that none but largely endowed and attended colleges are worthy of a chapter of Kappa Alpha. A college of \$100,000 endowment and an attendance of over one hundred students is in my opinion worthy of a chapter of Kappa Alpha. We are not all so situated that we can attend these high-grade universities. We are a Southern Fraternity, and as such cannot restrict ourselves to such as Vanderbilt, Uni-

versity of Virginia, and University of Alabama, for our colleges, as a rule, are not largely endowed. There is one Southern State yet unoccupied by Kappa Alpha. I refer to Mississippi. I understand an attempt is being made to establish a chapter at Millsaps College in this State. It certainly is a fine opening for our Fraternity. It has an endowment of over \$100,000 and an attendance *now* of 131.

In writing this article I have tried to express myself freely. I meant to assail no one. As Brother Stafford has beautifully expressed it, "Let's all be friends; let's broaden our ideas of living; let's reach out and grasp a hand in our march through life; let's shake off the dry rot of selfishness and greed and cease to live at a poor, dying rate; let's be men, true, liberal, self-sacrificing, magnanimous; let's live for a purpose, and with 'Excelsior' for our motto no man of us can die an ignominious death."

DAN A. JAMES.

The Next Convention.

IT is the custom, I believe, for the decision of the K. C. as to the place at which to hold the biennial convention to be reached in the spring of the year, the propositions made by the various chapters, or groups of chapters, wishing to entertain the delegates, being the factors that determine the selection finally made. Chapters wishing to compete for the convention will do well to make their desire known to the K. C. at the earliest practicable date. The only proposition so far submitted, officially, is that of Alpha, which suggests Richmond as the proper place. Individuals have indicated their preferences, but have made no definite offers. Chicago has been named, but a quieter place would, I think, be required for work upon the problems the next convention will wish to solve. As a good deal of business is likely to be brought before the seventeenth convention, hard work, and plenty of it, is what those of us who attend must expect. It has been suggested that a session of five days will be none too long for what we have to do.

I beg chapters and members to dismiss the idea that the next convention should cost a big lot of money. The last convention, I am told, cost over \$900, the assessments for it oppressing the local chapters and making the very name of convention a terror to some members. That was all wrong. No such outlay can be

justified. A banquet is all very fine, but it is not essential, and can be well dispensed with altogether. Should it ever come to be considered indispensable, it would have indirect results of a deplorable character. I think the next convention should not cost the local chapters over \$90. Indeed, I should favor a proposal that delegates should assess themselves for it. It is enough if our entertainers give us a place of meeting and the ordinary hospitalities. We cannot too soon dispel the notion that the chapters entertaining a convention must give it an expensive banquet.

I heartily agree with the writer of the article, "Two and Two Make Four," in the last JOURNAL in urging the chapters to send delegates who have studied our existing *scripta* and have considered the possibility of their expansion and improvement. We want no revolutionary changes in Constitution or Ritual. Let each delegate come prepared to defeat ill-considered or revolutionary proposals, and equally prepared to consider conservative measures that look to bettering without subverting our existing institutions. I deprecate changes. We must preserve our identity; we must preserve our form of government, our offices and our traditional usages. Whatever is characteristic of us should remain, I think, unaltered, so that the Kappa Alphas of the past will be at one with the Kappa Alphas of the future. We do not want a new fraternity; nor do we want a new ritual or constitution. What we need is merely a logical development of our existing constitution and ritual. As "S. M. W." happily expresses it, "not a renunciation of present forms and usages, but the completing of what is unfinished, the elimination of crudities." We want an evolution, not a new creation.

As to the ritual, it is, in the main, effective. A few minor verbal alterations only are needed. For alumni chapters, however, we unquestionably need a new degree in harmony with existing degrees. The perfecting of the details of our administrative machinery and wise guidance of chapter work are, in my opinion, more important than any fine project of change.

S. Z. A., K. C.

December 3.

In Memoriam.

KAPPA HALL, NEW CHAPTER, October 29, 1892.

WHEREAS, Omnipotent God, in his all-wise and mysterious providence, has seen fit to send death into our ranks to call from us our dear beloved and honored brother, William Douglass Trawick, in the midst of a bright and vigorous youth; and, whereas, our brother was for one year a true and loyal member to our chapter, in which we were associated with him in the sacred bonds of Fraternal love; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That while we deeply deplore the loss of such a true friend, an esteemed brother, a devout Christian, yet we believe that God who gave our brother such a noble spirit had design in taking it away, thus severing the bonds of mystic ties that bound us to him, and we bow in humble submission to his divine decree.

2. That in him were such qualities that would have made him a leader among men.

3. That in his death the Fraternity has suffered the loss of one of its most worthy members, the church a devout Christian, and his parents an affectionate, kind, and obedient son.

4. That we extend our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved parents and relatives; and, as a token of our love and affection for him, we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

5. That we send a copy of these resolutions to his family, to the *Opelika News*, and to the KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL for publication, and that they be inscribed in our record book.

J. F. WEBB,

R. T. DORSEY,

C. F. DEBARDELEBEN,

Committee.

Preserve Our Records.

NOW that steps have been taken, and successfully, towards collecting some records of our Order, with the experience of past losses before us, it would be well for all Kappa Alphas to give some thought to the best means of preserving these archives. To my mind there is but one sure way of doing this, and that is for the Order to own a safe in which can be stowed the bound files of the JOURNAL, convention minutes, valuable papers, etc., which have been in *the past year*, and will be in future years, collected. Former losses have doubtless been due to one of three causes—neglect of officers to collect records for preservation, carelessness in keeping such when collected, and failure of one officer to turn over to his successor such as may have come to his hands. The first of these can be remedied only by electing such officers as will fulfill their duties. The second is overcome by my plan in having a particular place in which to keep these records, and a place in which they will be safe from destruction. As regards the third, a safe is too large and valuable a thing to be forgotten and overlooked when there is a change of officers. It has been advanced as an argument against my plan that the expense of moving such a safe every two years will be very heavy, but is it not better to expend ten or fifteen dollars every two years in this cause than to find ourselves again, as we were at the meeting of the last convention, a Fraternity without any records? However, this objection will doubtless be done away with to a great extent, and the next convention which will no doubt (as they should be recommended to do), amend the constitution so as to change the term of Grand Historian from two years to as long as the person elected is willing to hold the office and attend to its duties properly. No better change could be made in the office than this, as it takes at least one year (for a man who can give only his spare time to it) out of the present two-year term to become familiar enough with the past history of the individual chapters, dead and alive, and the Order at large, to do anything worthy of a Historian of the Order.

The K. C. indorses my plan and authorizes me to solicit subscriptions for a safe. Some steps have already been taken in

this matter, and the individuals and chapters who have made or signified their intention of making contributions, are: J. S. Chick, editor of Catalogue, Kansas City, Mo.; D. R. Neal, Jr., ex-K. C., Washington, D. C.; Coleman Wortham, of Zeta, Richmond, Va.; Alpha, Alpha-Beta, Alpha-Zeta, and the Norfolk (Va.) alumni chapters.

I now call upon the Fraternity at large to come forward and do every man his part. We ask for no large contributions, although it is needless to say, that such will be acceptable. Fifty, seventy-five cents, or one dollar, will gladly be received from such as are willing to contribute to this cause. The Order cannot, at this time, spare the necessary amount from the general fund, so it rests for the members, active and alumni, to make it up. It is to be hoped that all readers of the JOURNAL will contribute without further solicitation, and that the chapters will appoint committees to solicit from the alumni of their towns and from their own alumni. Let the New Year find us assured of the preservation of our records.

TAZEWELL TAYLOR HUBARD,
Grand Historian.

A Safe Plan.

THERE is an old saying that people always lock the stable door after the horse has been stolen, and although I do not like to be a prophet of evil, yet there is every day a possibility that the Kappa Alpha Fraternity will experience the truth of the saw by the loss of all its official records. To obviate, if possible, such an occurrence is the *raison d'etre* of this article.

During the twenty-seven years of our Fraternity's existence the records have gradually increased until now the Grand Historian has quite a collection of documents—some of them old and rare and which have been collected by a great deal of labor and trouble. Besides such things as the only existing original ritual (published in 1870), the G. H. has on his books a record of all initiations, expulsions, etc.; he has also bound copies of all magazines and JOURNALS, minutes of conventions, etc., only one copy of some of these being in existence. And Brother Ammen promises to present to the Order the seal of the ——— (which was originally the name of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity), provided a suitable repository be secured for the archives.

The record books I mentioned put the crowning stone of the

work on Brother Chick, who deserves so much credit for bringing order out of the chaos of data surrounding our past. By comparison of old and new catalogues, by searching old publications, by reading the personals in our official organ and minutes of dead chapters, numerous mistakes, unavoidable to the compilers of the catalogue, have been entered correctly in these books. To lose them would be to lose the labors for the past year of our enthusiastic G. H., while if preserved, our next catalogue will be the most accurate and complete publication of the kind in existence. And if these and other records are destroyed in any way, the work of over a quarter of a century will be to some extent undone, and the Fraternity will receive a blow which will be felt for years to come.

After a careful examination of the above facts, I have no doubt that every true Kappa Alpha will feel that there is an urgent need of a safe to protect these important documents from fire or from any other destroying agent. If any one feels disposed to aid in the good work of securing our records from destruction, Brother Hubbard has, in this number of the JOURNAL, an article calling for contributions, and it is to be hoped that his call will meet with many responses.

LEVYRON.

In Memoriam.

HALL OF XI. CHAPTER, }
KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY, Oct. 15, 1892. }

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, has taken from us our deeply loved and revered instructor, friend, and brother, Prof. Samuel Gillespie Saunders; and

WHEREAS, in his death our order has lost one of its most representative men, and Xi Chapter a foster father as well as brother in the sacred bonds, to whose memory we deem it fit to pay this last tribute of love; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That, while we humbly bow to God's will, we feel a deep bereavement in our brother's loss that only Heaven can cure.

2. That to his bereaved family we extend our deepest sympathy.

3. That in token of his sacred memory we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

4. That copies of these resolutions be spread upon our record and sent to the KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL and to the bereaved family.

JOHN L. BROOKS,
H. A. BOAZ,
E. M. SWEET,
Committee.

Christmas Thoughts.

I.

The faded leaves of lifeless promise
Of the past lie strewn around ;
And mingle their sad selves, with broken
Hopes upon the cold wet ground.

Man's destiny looks drear and cheerless,
In the light of human thought.
No end attained that man has hoped for :
All in dark confusion brought.

Not only here, the way in shadow
Lies ; but further there's no light
To guide the groping spirit.
Infinite and universal night !

So speaks the infidel.

II.

But unto him, whose hope eternal
Springs from Judah's starlit skies ;
Whose faith lifts up its head at angel
Chorus—holy, grand surprise !

Peace be on earth ! and peace remaining
Still, with weary toiling men,
Lights up the broken hopes, the failures
All must meet, as all well ken.

Not only in the worldly darkness
Does dispelling glory shine ;
But also brightly doth the way illumine
Leading men up to estates divine.

F. F. F.

A Christmas Reverie.

THE day was not as balmy as it might have been, even in December. In fact, it was just a day to make the pious saint realize what a glorious transition there will be when "December's as pleasant as May."

If the wind had been a cultivated, city wind, it would have been a fit occasion to quote Shakespeare to it, and cry, "Blow, wind, and crack your cheeks!" but it was not a city wind, and the opportunity was lost.

The room where Hal Roberts sat was a bachelor's apartment, and that apartment, like the wind, was rural in its make-up. To those who have seen the room of a country bachelor, this one needs no description. To others, it might well be said that in one corner was an old-fashioned bed with high posts; quilts constituted the covering—no counterpane to lend beauty to the affair. No carpet was on the floor. Some book-shelves in one part of the room looked askance at an old wardrobe across from it, while a table, covered with papers, pens, books and old letters, mingled promiscuously, was *in medias res*. To this, add the confusion that comes from such habitation—no woman's hand to straighten or adorn.

Hal Roberts left college fifteen years ago; a fairly prosperous farmer, as prosperity goes in his county. One by one the members of his family left the homestead, until alone he followed the vocation of his father. Death had carried away that father and his mother, while marriage had changed the home of his sister.

Crops had been a failure this year, and some of the stock had died, consequently Hal was not in very good spirits. Nevertheless on Christmas Eve he laid a big backlog and piled the smaller sticks in front, and made the room glow with the ruddy flames. Lighting his pipe, he gave himself to reverie and meditation.

Year by year he journeyed through the past. Calling up the yesterdays, step by step he traveled from childhood into youth, from youth to young manhood. Standing in the bright light of the memory of young manhood, he almost forgot the austerity of the present. For the reflection of the glory of young manhood can illumine the darkest place in life, provided that young manhood was honorable and true. He traveled again the college

halls and mingled with his friends. He conned again the pages of the classics, and stood once more upon the chapel rostrum, paying tribute to the patriot warriors of 1776. In fact he paused, thought a moment, and actually repeated the climax of one effort, and as the echo of the applause died in the dream, he was startled by his own facility of expression, of sublimity of thought.

Then came to view his friends, one by one, and his Fraternity. From the night when he and that venerable representative of the genus *capra* first came in contact until the last meeting-night of experience, memories went trooping through his mind. What a wakening to noble resolve was experienced in those early days! What strength of friendship was there first found! He who has even the remnants of a genuine friendship has not lived in vain.

As he thought on all these things he turned him to his treasure box. There he found the manuscripts of orations, the notes of preparation for examination, his diploma, with its Latin phrases. In fine, there was everything to transform the present into the past. Among these treasures he found certain dainty letters, and side by side with them a chapter pin. Then it was that the merry laugh, the golden curls, the bright blue eyes, the graceful figure, the womanly sweetness came to him, over and over. The only time in all his life that he had given his love to woman, and he had been blessed with that woman's love. But Hal had never married. Under a simple stone in the old college town rests the earthly tenement of the spirit he had loved and that had loved him. Too early tired, the spirit was set free to seek the rest and liberty of eternity. She he had met in the chapter hall, and she had worn the badge so proudly.

And there, too, lay a letter from him, who shared his heart in those old days. A letter full of manly affection, sympathizing with Hal at the loss of her, and telling of the boy who was just been named Hal, for his friend.

With a throbbing heart Hal arose and walked the room. He paused at a window and looked out, not upon the landscape nature presented, for he saw the Past. Tender was the great heart. Such memories keep men's natures gentle and preserve all the sweetness of their tempers. No joys, no sorrows in his life so great as those connected with his chapter life. And what man can love anything profoundly that is not connected with both the great joys and sorrows of his life?

As he looked through the little panes in the old-fashioned window his thoughts ran in solemn hurry over his life. Hal had never been a success, according to the current meaning. A scholarly fellow, who had concluded to expend his life in farming, he was one of those men who was condemned because he had mischosen his way. Everything seemed lonely to Hal this day, and a dreariness like a funeral pall hung about his heart. The world to him seemed one long procession of melancholy equipages that lead mourning men to the graves of loved ones.

As he thought he remembered that he had in youth been what men called a promising man. He had graduated with honor, and his influence in the political part of college life was second to none. As these thoughts came to him he was seized with a desire to see once more the scenes of his college life.

Once his mind fixed upon such a visit, he turned from the window. He seated himself, and from the past he turned his thoughts into the future, and planned his trip and his meetings. Then the past and future blended, and he lived in both at once. His mind centered upon his Fraternity, and taking up the history of the Order, he read about Alpha and the men who were there once. As he did so his nature was rekindled with ambition, with noble purpose, with friendship and love for man.

At New Year Hal left home for a visit to his *alma mater* and to Tom. Soon he returned, and, leaving his farm in other hands, he went back to the other world. He and Tom practice law together now.

One other Christmas day. The two friends sat and talked of days gone by, and looked through that transforming element, Havana smoke, into the past and future, and communed as friend with friend. Their peace was enhanced by a consciousness of fair success and moderate prosperity.

As the lonely days upon the farm came into view, and then the change, Hal said: "That, Tom, was the best move I ever made; and the old Frat. book did it; for it reminded me of what I really was."

Where Shall We Enter ?

AT the present time the Fraternity world seems alive with the discussion of the wisdom or unwisdom of entering, what are dubbed in the discussion, small colleges. Not only is the Fraternity world in general engaged in such a discussion, but our part of it in particular is trying to arrive at a proper solution of the problem.

As is to be expected, the chapters at small colleges occasionally get their feelings hurt, and the chapters at large institutions grow somewhat, in their own estimation, as the comparisons between institution and institution are drawn.

It is quite unfortunate that such a question is left to be solved after certain institutions are entered, which, from the position of some, might have been left out if the question had been solved earlier in history. Nevertheless nearly every Order now considering this question is, to more or less extent, in such a condition.

Such being the case, no one should take the matter as personal, nor should it be regarded as referring to any particular chapter or institution. It should be met in quiet reason, and, with as little friction as possible, the mind of the Order should be made up.

As far as the Kappa Alpha Fraternity is concerned, it is the writer's opinion that all thought on this subject has reference to the future. So far as the purpose of the Order is known, there is no idea or thought of withdrawing a charter from any chapter, wherever it is situated, so long as it is conducted in a becoming manner and complies with the requirements made of it by the general law and by the general officers. Of course the demands of the general officers are always to be within their legal province, under a fair interpretation of the laws which confer upon them their authority.

What, then, should be the character of the institutions that Kappa Alpha should enter? The officers and chartering power owe it to the Fraternity at large, to members both active and alumni, to take no step which will tend to weaken it, but to preserve its present strength in every particular. The next duty incumbent upon them is to seek to strengthen and build it up.

Nothing so weakens or strengthens an Order as the establishment of chapters. It is that mysterious action in the life of Fraternities which can not be undone, and which will invariably redound to good or ill for the entire organization.

There are two main subjects to be considered: First, the institution about to be entered; second, the men into whose hands the charter is to be placed. Unless both the institution and the men reach a standard of excellence of which the officers granting the charter are the sole judges, no charter should issue. It will not do to rely alone upon the excellence of the institution or alone upon the excellence of the men. The college and the men are twin requisites to a successful chapter.

First in order consider the college. Is it a genuine college? The way to test this is to know the curriculum, to know the ability of the faculty, and to know whether the faculty apply their ability to the full carrying out of the demands made in this curriculum.

Having learned these things, and finding that in these respects the institution is a genuine college inquire as to its means of existence. This should be done for this reason: No chapter should be established at any institution unless its perpetuity at its present standard is reasonably assured. The Order can not afford to enter every institution, however high its demands for graduation, however excellent the character of its matriculates, if it appears that the institution has no visible means of support.

In determining this question it is well to look at the endowment, if there be one, the increase in the endowment for the past few years, and the probable increase in the years next to come. Then the number of students in attendance at the present time, the number having been in attendance in past time, and whether the attendance is on the increase or decrease.

In determining whether or not the attendance is likely to decrease, it can be taken into consideration the location of the institution, the extent of territory around it, in which there is no other similar institution; what features make it popular. In fine there are many things that might well be considered in this respect.

If the chartering power becomes assured that the institution is a *bona fide* college or university, that it has a reasonable expectation of continued support, both in relation to financial matters and attendance, then should the investigation be carried further, and inquiry should be made as to the character of the

men to whom it is proposed to grant a charter, and the character of the men from whom the charter members are to build up a successful chapter, for the present time and for the future. For being assured that the institution is a college or university in the true meaning of these words, that it is likely to remain so, and that it is not probable that its support or the attendance will fail, it matters not how much the endowment is or how large the attendance. The question of endowment or attendance being only evidences that the institution possesses the necessary vitality to stand at least as strong as it is for the years to come.

As to the character of the men: It is clearly possible that an institution may, in itself, present to the world every desirable opportunity to secure education, and yet the world may neglect to accept the opportunity; again, a part of the world may accept, and yet that part may not be in nature congenial to the great body of the Fraternity. The ideal Fraternity will be so constituted that the members of every chapter will be as congenial to every other chapter as they are to each other. Of course this, like all ideals, will never be fully realized, still efforts should be put forth to come near it. Upon this principle, in considering the men into whose hands the charter is to go, the question of congeniality should enter, to a great extent, in forming the decision.

It need not be mentioned that the men should meet all requirements of good Fraternity men, nor do these requirements need to be gone over here. The principle and the requirements are already familiar to every worker in fraternity affairs. Unless the men meet these requirements no charter should be granted, however great the institutions which they attend.

It is also wise to consider how many fraternities are established and their prestige among the student body should be carefully weighed.

As to the requirements in respect to the student body, it is admitted that such must be made, and adhered to. This part of the statements heretofore made needs no argument. The rub is in getting men to agree to the requirements as to the character of the institution. It has been seen by him, who has taken the trouble to read the former portion of this article, that there is no standard of wealth, or number of attendants. There are three main demands made. The institution must be a genuine college; it must have some means of financial support; it must promise to have in the future an attendance of desirable men.

As to the institution being a college, it is almost too plain for argument. The membership of college fraternities is supposed to consist of college-bred men. Nor would the Order desire to approve of shaft, educational institutions, by placing chapters at them, while an institution of learning of low rank may to-day have excellent men in attendance, it is hardly probable that it will continue to have excellent and desirable men in attendance. In fact, the country is rapidly becoming tired of such colleges, and the future promises to do away with them by the means of that venerable law of supply and demand.

As to financial support, a college without money from some source is in a decidedly bad way. In order to maintain a good faculty and draw men to it who are desirous of securing an education there needs must be some source of revenue. This, too, looks to the preservation of the college in years to come. From these things, and from others, can be determined whether or not the institution will continue to draw desirable fraternity material. Unless an institution is permanent, unless it appears that it does and will probably continue to draw desirable men, we should not enter. We have suffered too much by losing chapters this way. One dead chapter is never fully recovered from. This in itself is sufficient cause to remain out of any institution which does not appear stable or promise well for the years to come. There are other reasons that others might advance. They are left to others.

In declaring against entering any but well-established institutions, I do not mean to gather my garments about me in a Pharisical manner, or, as one from a high place, to look down upon those in lower territories.

The old proverb, "Self-preservation is the first law of nature," is as true as it is old. The policy of extension to be pursued is not one of hazard, but it must at least guarantee against weakness. It should assure increased influence and power.

Some writers seem to think that a fraternity membership is something that everybody has a right to. If they cannot all get into first-class colleges, where fraternities belong, why, bring the fraternities into the weak colleges for their especial benefit; Membership in such an organization is a privilege and not a right. No man has a right to be received into its mysteries.

Such are the views of this writer on the subject. The are expressed freely and without desire to hurt anybody's feelings. It is a matter of policy. It must be settled according to what is best and wisest to be done, regardless of any question of hurting feelings.

John Temple Graves in Nashville.

THE presence of John Temple Graves in Nashville on October 18th, was made the occasion for a reunion of the resident Kappa Alphas of that city. The bill boards had announced for a couple of weeks in advance that "John Temple Graves, the Southern orator, will deliver his lecture on 'The Reign of the Demagogue,' at the Young Men's Christian Association" on the date mentioned above; and consequently Kappa Alphas studied the features displayed by the lithographs in the windows around town, and concluded that the man they counterfeited was handsome enough to be one of a general gathering of knights to be held immediately after the lecture was concluded. Mr. Graves was corresponded with, and replied that he would place himself in the hands of the Fraternity, provided no broken bones nor seared consciences were contemplated.

The auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association is the third largest hall in the city, and, except on one or two special occasions, had never been filled. But notwithstanding the fact that George R. Wendling, who is a prime favorite here, lectured in the city on the same night, the Y. M. C. A. auditorium was nearly, if not quite, filled with those who came to hear the first lecture delivered in Nashville by "the Southern orator." Before the lecture began Mr. Graves held an impromptu reception in the parlors of the building, at which he met the various resident members of his Fraternity. There were many turned heads and curious eyes when a couple of dozen of young men, in dress suits, marched into the hall in a body, as but few present knew that the lecturer had been "spiked" for the evening. But the interest of the audience was not long shared by the Fraternity men, for before he had spoken two sentences Mr. Graves had the whole attention of those present. His lecture was a grand production. The thought went below the superficial, and its expression took the auditors into a realm but seldom invaded even by intellectual minds. The language was brilliant. It shone with polish. An original manner of expression had been complemented by a remarkable vocabulary, and the whole had received the greatest care in preparation. The lecture was an eminent success. There was not a moment from the opening to

the closing sentence when the audience was not completely *en rapport* with the speaker, and even we who expected to meet our brother at the banquet table after the lecture regretted that the reign of the demagogue had been so long and its treatment so short.

Shortly after the lecture had been concluded, there assembled in the parlors of the Maxwell House a goodly number of jolly fellows, to each of whom Mr. Graves gave the Kappa Alpha grip.

The banquet began about 10 o'clock, and from that time until 2, the banqueters got better acquainted with their guest and with each other under the most pleasant circumstances. The resident fraters had whispered it around among themselves that their visiting brother was a man of wonderful patience and diligence, else his lecture would not have been so brilliant, the language so chaste, and the periods so perfectly balanced; but when Mr. Graves replied to the toast, "Our Brother, the Southern Orator," opinion was confounded, for the thought of the reply was even more tender than that of his lecture had been strong, and its expression was in such chaste language and perfectly balanced periods, even when referring to thoughts that had, during the evening, been advanced by other brothers, that we forgot the formal lecture to which we had listened and enjoyed to the utmost, this, that we could call our own address. One of the very good things about Mr. Graves' reply was that he gave all a good lecture on the subjects which our Order holds so dear, so much so, in fact, that the establishment of a Nashville alumni chapter was agitated before the banquet closed.

There were half a dozen toasts responded to, and adjournment was not had until every man at the table had made "general remarks for the good of the Order." Some of the speakers, it is true, have specialties, and branched off into their particular lines, as, for instance, Ed. Seay, of Gallatin, Tenn., who had come down for the occasion, persisted in talking about the Birmingham convention and the royal manner in which the Alabama boys treated the delegates in '91. Chas. Burch spoke of "The Fraternity," his mind and ideas at all times being broad, though local. W. C. Cherry, being a volunteer in the military service of the State of Tennessee during the recent mining trouble, spoke of "Patriotism, or 'There Was a Sound of Revelry by Night.'" This toast was "sprung" on Mr. Cherry with the idea of poking fun at him, his accounts of the numerous narrow escapes which he and his comrades had having been in-

credulously received by those to whom they were narrated; but Mr. Cherry took up the subject seriously and made what would indeed have been a delightful address in any company or on any occasion.

It being in the midst of the "rushing" season, Samuel K. Bland spoke of Chi Chapter, over which he presides with such grace and to which he addresses his petitions, nocturnal and matutinal. George Y. Gibbs, one of the members of Sigma Chapter at the time when that chapter notified the trustees of their institution that, rather than abandon their charter, they would withdraw from the college, told of the trials of that chapter and spoke of the source of its inspiration, while John B. Keeble spoke of those things nearest his heart and ours, "Those old sweethearts of mine." Those who heard Mr. Keeble will agree that he is the Kappa Alpha Lover recently written about in the JOURNAL, although the writer of this can vouch that the editor had nothing to do with the preparation of that article.

The Kappa Alphas of Nashville had truly spent a delightful evening, and all went home in a better humor with themselves and the world. Mr. Graves remained in Nashville until Thursday morning, and Wednesday evening he met some of the "sistren." The two afternoons previous thereto he saw the finest horse-racing that has ever been held, and Thursday morning, in company with a couple of brothers and the loyal sponsor of Chi Chapter (the stanchest Kappa Alpha ever initiated), he went out to Belle Meade, the home of the thoroughbred, where Gen. W. H. Jackson took the party in charge and exhibited the beautiful horses which have made that place famous, not only in America but across the seas. The return was made to the city just in time for Mr. Graves to catch the train north to fill an appointment on the lyceum platform that evening, and thus he left us.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Since the writing of our last letter Alpha has not been idle. As a result of our efforts we have two initiations to report. Our "goats" are James A. De Armond, of Butler, Mo., and J. Russell Houston, of Ashland, Ky. Both are excellent men. We have another transfer from Alpha-Epsilon, Alexander W. McDonald, of Durant, Miss.

The football season of '92 is now a thing of the past. The excitement connected with it has likewise faded away, and every one is now getting ready for the examinations which are almost upon us.

At the recent election of debaters in the Literary Societies Brother Shelton was chosen in the Washington and Brother De Armond in the Graham Lee. Brother Goode has been appointed a member of the Executive Committee of the final Ball by the President. This is esteemed a high honor.

We think the history blanks which we have received fill a long-felt want. By their proper use the records of our Fraternity should be made very complete. The last issue of the JOURNAL was excellent.

It is now our pleasure to have with us Brother Lewis, Beta '90, and Brother Elliott, Beta '91. A few weeks since Brother Cooke, Beta '90, paid us a brief visit.

The numerical standing of the various Fraternities in College is as follows: Kappa Alphas, 10; Sigma Chis, 7; Kappa Sigmas, 10; Sigma Nus, 7; Phi Gamma Delta, 7; Pi Kappa Alphas, 5; Sigma Alpha Epsilons, 6; Alpha Tau Omegas, 6; Phi Delta Theta, 4; Phi Kappa Psis, 10; Gamma Di-Gamma Kappas, 9; Phi Theta Psis, 6.

GAMMA.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Since the last letter from Georgia was published we have received a new brother, and one more name is now on the Kappa Alpha roll. This new brother is Mr. R. A. Fliess, of New York

City. He is an excellent man, and will no doubt materially aid us in many ways during the coming year.

We have started a chapter home fund, which we call the E. F. Lovell Fund, in honor of Brother Lovell, of Savannah, Ga., who by a recent gift to the chapter, suggested the feasibility of securing in time quarters of our own.

Besides this step forward, our present rooms are now being entirely refitted and made larger, and a small dancing hall added; and in the course of a week or ten days we hope to be the occupants of some of the handsomest, if not the handsomest, club rooms possessed by any fraternity in Athens.

The law against Athletics, passed by the Board of Trustees last commencement, prohibiting intercollegiate contests, has at last by the earnest appeal of the boys, and with the assistance of the faculty been repealed. But it is too late in the season now to even attempt to organize a college football team, and so we will content ourselves by watching which interest the games between other Southern colleges, and waiting for the base-ball season to come in, when we intend to organize a baseball team that will reflect credit on the university.

DELTA.

WOFFORD COLLEGE.

Our supply of Fraternity news is at the minimum, but our stock of brotherly love and Kappa Alpha enthusiasm was never at a higher pitch.

It is with especial pleasure that I introduce to the Fraternity at large Brother Paul Hardin, of Chester, S. C. This brother is a fine man, a loyal and true Kappa Alpha, and shows up well in a picture. He is a brother to W. Holmes Hardin, Jr., of Delta and Chi, and makes a valued accession to our number.

We were glad to have with us recently Brother Quattlebaum, of Iota. His meeting with us was his first meeting since his initiation, and we hope that he enjoyed his communion with Delta's Methodists as much as the chapter did his presence. We are always glad to see a brother from Iota, for she is our nearest neighbor as well as one of our own children.

The "Anniversary Oration" of Brother D. D. Wallace is worthy of much mention in this letter. He was elected from the Junior Class to a Senior office, and he discharged his duty beautifully. He chose for his subject "The Characteristics of Early American Statesmen." His treatment was quite novel, and, in short, he made "a great hit."

While we are glorying over Wallace's fine speech, we dislike to mention that one or two of our brothers are not in the best of spirits about their relations to the fair sex.

At our last meeting Brothers Wallace and Lauder were elected G. S. and C. S. respectively.

Wishing all our sister chapters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Delta's scribe will cease writing for this time.

EPSILON.

EMORY COLLEGE.

College life to the average boy is extremely pleasant and agreeable. Especially is this true when he belongs to a good fraternity, and in all his associations enjoys those high and noble relations which come through the privileges of exalted friendship and true brotherhood.

But never does one, though he wear the gold and crimson, become so infatuated with college life and associations that Christmas does not retain some of its old charms for him still. The Kappa Alphas of Epsilon are the exception to this rule, and with the approach of that festive season the hearts of our boys begin to turn toward the home left behind three months ago; and then, too, their faces glow with joy as they think of the sweet Kappa Alpha girls who are waiting with a smile to welcome them back.

Consoling ourselves with such thoughts as these, we enter cheerfully into the performance of the onerous duties that always come with "examination time." The marking system in vogue in Emory College compels those who desire to stand well in their classes to apply themselves very diligently just at this time.

We are examined once every three months, and on the result in these examinations depends the marks that we shall receive.

Sienc the last JOURNAL came out, we have added another name to our roll—a name which we expect to do us much honor in years to come. It is with pride that I introduce to the Kappa Alpha world a man possessed of all those high qualities and endowments, which are essential constituents of true manhood. W. M. MacConnell, of Holly Springs, Ga., is the last man we have initiated this session.

Brother W. H. Milner (1) has been confined to his bed with fever for several weeks, and will not be able to continue in college with the present senior class. He has decided to drop out of college and wait until next fall, when he will again enter with

the present junior class. We regret very much the loss of our genial brother and efficient officer. He is a golden-hearted friend and brother, and our chapter will miss him sadly.

His leaving made it necessary for the chapter to elect a (1) to fill out the unexpired term of Brother Milner, and also a (9), which office he held also.

The election we held December 3, and resulted in the choice of Brother Homer Bush as (1), and Brother S. R. De Jarnette as (9).

Brother Leon P. Smith (ex 1) class '92, and Brother J. R. Lin, class '87, were with us a week or two ago, and made us very appropriate and encouraging talks. Their hearts are still full of love for the fraternity and her principles, and the enthusiasm imbibed while in college has not waned since they have gone forth into the world. Nothing could be more inspiring to active members of a fraternity than to feel that the alumni brothers are still loyal to, and full of sympathy and love for, what is to the college boy his dearest treasure—his fraternity.

Brother Smith has been observing the movements of Biela's comet, and is beginning to acquire some proficiency in the art of practical astronomy.

Brother Lin is pursuing the pedagogic profession at Villa Rica, and has charge of a flourishing school there.

Oxford was not one whit behind the other cities in celebrating the great Democratic victory. She is Democratic to the very core, and on the night after Cleveland's election there was a general jubilee in town led by the students. Fuss, fun, fireworks, and speeches were the chief things on the programme, and it was executed with enthusiasm and delight.

Thanksgiving day is a thing in itself worthy to be thankful for. Bringing to the college boy a luxurious holiday and big turkey dinners, its coming is always thrice welcome.

Oxford is usually a quiet little retreat, and has often been called the "Students' Home," but during the past month quite a number of the fair sex have been visiting in the town, and the "masher" has been going the rounds, and things have grown livelier generally.

Lawn Tennis seems to have been almost entirely superseded by football among the sporting classes now, and this game is all the go of the season.

The boys of Epsilon are doing good work now, and they wish for all their brother Kappa Alphas a delightful Christmas.

ETA.**RICHMOND COLLEGE.**

It is with a feeling of the greatest pleasure and pride that Eta again comes before the Fraternity to announce the initiation into our Order of four new members. On the night of October 15, in the presence of many visiting brothers, we welcomed to our Fraternity and to our hearts Russell Acree, of Danville, Va.; Roger W. Harrison, of Richmond, Va.; M. Estes Cocke, and Jos. A. Turner, of Hollins, Va. The first named was asked by five other fraternities, and the last two by three. It is needless to say that these are all good and true men who will do their part toward holding aloft the banner of Kappa Alpha. After the initiation we spent the remainder of that memorable evening at a banquet suitable to the occasion. We are pleased to say that Brother S. R. Lewis, of Beta, is attending school here, and has joined with us in our noble work. Owing to the fact that our hall was rather too small to accommodate the members of our chapter and the alumni members from down town, who attend our meetings, we requested the faculty to grant us another room, which they did, and we have already had the partition between this and one of our other rooms taken down. This addition makes our accommodations quite roomy and comfortable and we intend, with the assistance of our sister Kappa Alphas, to fit them up quite handsomely. Thanksgiving Day our football team played Hampden Sidney. The score was 2 to 0 in favor of Richmond College. The features of the game were Brother Rucker's fine work as half-back and Brother F. W. Duke's magnificent kicking at full-back. We have been thinking of getting up a football team composed entirely of our members; we have four members on the first team and six on the "light weights," and we feel pretty confident that the team we would get up in our chapter could beat any team that could be gotten up from all the rest of the students.

Our members still continue carrying off the honors of the Nu Sigma Rho Literary Society—of the four men chosen as debaters for the annual public debate two were Kappa Alphas.

We were very much pleased to have with us during Thanksgiving Brother W. M. Redwood ('91), now in the banking and brokerage business, Baltimore, Md.

Our meetings are often brightened by the presence of Brothers F. W. Duke, C. R. Burnett, J. S. Harrison, D. H. Rucker, J. M. Bossieux.

IOTA.

FURMAN UNIVERSITY.

On account of the lateness of the opening of our college and the absence of our C. S., Iota had no letter in the October issue of the JOURNAL. We are sorry that such was the case, but her letter will be in after this. We returned eight men this season; but they have shown themselves to be men of action, not only in winning new men, but in the honors they have received since their return to college.

Iota graduated four men last June: B. Martin, class orator of '92, is principal of the Donalds High School; G. L. Johnson is principal of a school at Kinards, S. C.; S. W. Norwood has charge of the naval store books of G. A. Norwood & Co., Charleston, S. C.; J. R. Ware is studying medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

Of the under graduates: B. F. Martin is at University of Virginia, T. O. Lee is at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, W. B. West and J. E. Edwards are teaching, A. E. Cox is studying medicine at Vanderbilt University.

Out of the eight public debaters of the two literary societies, Iota has three. Iota's position in the literary societies is at the top.

We have four men of the college journal staff.

Brother Lott has been elected President and Manager of the F. U. football team.

Since our return we have initiated four men, all of whom are extremely promising. We now introduce to the order: James H. Funderburg, Orangeburg, S. C.; Robert L. McGee, Greenville, S. C.; Theo. A. Quattlebaum, Winnsboro, S. C., George P. White, Johnston, S. C.

On November 4 the Kappa Alpha sisters at Iota gave their brothers an entertainment at the residence of Miss Maggie Ware. This was the first of its kind in Greenville, hence making it more enjoyable. This occasion is one among a thousand. The ladies were the managers throughout the evening.

We are endeavoring to get regalia for the officers. We hope to purchase soon.

We have the following officers for this year: G. M., W. E. Wilkins; G. S., L. S. Mattison; S. M., H. L. Buck; C. S., W. Lott; P., R. E. Burriss; K-at-A., W. C. Edwards; K. U., H. L. Riley; C., J. Norwood.

We extend to sister chapters an imaginary but a hearty grip.

LAMBDA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

The University of Virginia opened this session with a larger enrollment, we believe, than ever before since the war. The prospects for the year are flattering, and if the Institution had suitable accommodations for so many, we believe that the number of students would soon run up to seven or nine hundred. A large and handsome gymnasium is in process of erection, and the grounds are being materially improved.

Lambda returned eleven old men this year, and we have seven transfers, Bristow, from Eta; Harrison, from Eta; Jones, from Gamma; Martin, from Iota; McAllister, from Nu; Moore, from Alpha, and Pettit, from Zeta. This brought our membership at the beginning of the session up to eighteen, "good men and true."

There was a great deal of good fraternity material here this year, and we have initiated five men, whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large. They are: M. W. Bartlett, of Lexington, Ky.; P. S. Chancellor, of Baltimore, Md.; B. F. Southgate, of Lexington, Ky.; A. R. Watson, of Memphis, Tenn.; E. M. Watts, of Portsmouth, Va.

This brings our number up to twenty-three, a seemingly large crowd, and yet, to any one who has ever been to this University and seen our methods, the crowd is not so large. This is a large institution, and what would be an unwieldy crowd at a smaller place is only a well-rounded number for a chapter here.

The election of officers was held in the early part of the session, with the following result: G. M., Paul Pettit; S. M., Mallory K. Cannon; G. S., Charles H. Davis; K. U., Hugh F. Parrish; K-at-A., C. Romero; C. S., A. C. Carson (resigned); C. H., Lowndes Maury; Purser, B. W. Moore; Censor, A. R. Watson.

At a subsequent meeting Brother Carson resigned his position as C. S., and Brother C. H. Davis was elected to fill his place.

Lambda has been backward in many of her Fraternity duties in the past. This year she has a large and congenial membership and intends to do great things. An assessment sufficient to meet all obligations has been levied, and as soon as it can be collected, she will set herself straight, pecuniarily, both with regard to the claims of the Fraternity at large and of her private creditors. If she is somewhat slow in settling her accounts, she will have

to beg the indulgence of the G. P. We start the year hampered with a very large debt, and it requires a good deal of time to collect such an amount from college men, however willing they may be to contribute.

This is the writer's second year at the University, and he notices, with a great deal of pleasure, an ever increasing interest in Fraternity matters. Our meetings are regular and well attended, and a general spirit of interest is manifested. Though hampered pecuniarily to so great an extent, we yet have a hope of setting on foot a plan to secure a chapter house for the next session, if not for this. Of course this is at present merely a plan in embryo, and hence we will not weary our readers with an attempt at an account or description of it. But if it should develop materially, as we hope it will, we will send an account of it to the JOURNAL.

There are many other plans which we have discussed and considered, and we hope to be able to render a good account of our work at the next Convention, and to propose some measures which will be of benefit, both to our individual chapter and to the Order at large.

As to the stand taken by the Kappa Alphas in the University of Virginia, we think we can say, and that without exaggeration, that our Fraternity ranks among the best. The men are popular, and most of them will do well in their classes. We hope to carry off eight or ten degrees this year, and Brother Cannon stands a fair chance of securing the final Presidency of the Jefferson Literary Society, which is accounted the highest honor in the University. Several of our men are members of the most prominent social clubs in the University.

The JOURNAL was a very welcome visitor on its arrival. We regret that we were unable to send a letter in time for the first issue, but owing to Brother Carson's resignation of the office of C. S., and the delay of the chapter in filling the vacancy, it was impossible. We will try to be more prompt in future, and have a letter in every issue of the JOURNAL.

The Annual Catalogue has already proved of great service to us, and we congratulate the Order upon the possession of so valuable an auxiliary to the compilation of statistics. It shows thorough and painstaking work, and, so far as we can see, is accurate throughout.

MU.**ERSKINE COLLEGE.**

Since my last letter to the JOURNAL, I am happy to state that Jesse R. Bell has been added to Mu's list of knights. Mr. Bell is a member of the senior class, a good student, good looking, in fact, has all the qualifications of a good fraternity man, and I feel safe in saying that he will always be ready and willing to aid in upholding the banner that bears the strange device. In all probability, before the new year is ushered in, one or two new names will be added to our number.

We have adopted the new order of business and by-laws, as laid down in the new catalogue, and I can truthfully say that Mu was never in better working order, and never had more faithful and enthusiastic members than she has to-day.

In the coming semi-annual celebrations of the societies our men, we think, will get some good places. Brother McDill has already been elected as junior debater. The freshman and sophomore declaimers have not yet been elected, but some of our boys will come in. The committee appointed by the trustees of Erskine College to take some steps in regard to suppressing fraternities here reported in our favor, hence we have no fears now along that line.

We are thinking of giving our young lady friends an oyster supper during the holidays. We have invited our "S. A. E." friends to join in with us and help to make the occasion a success.

We will only get one day Christmas, as usual.

All the boys are looking forward to the "soiree" at Female College with much interest. You know each one has his "best girl" down there, and only once a year do they get to exchange greetings. We will watch "Jesse" and "Bud."

Brother Wilkins, of Iota, made us a pleasant visit some weeks ago. Come again; we are always glad to see you.

We wish every wearer of the "crimson cross" a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

NU.**A. AND M. COLLEGE.**

After the expiration of another month it is with the greatest pleasure that Nu comes forward to inform her sister chapters of her flourishing condition. The boys of Nu have great cause for thankfulness and encouragement, for during the past month

their indefatigable efforts have been crowned with almost unprecedented success.

Since the writing of the last letter Nu has brought from the cold world of barbarism into the warm, devotional folds of Kappa Alphaism three worthy, honest, and upright men. We take pleasure in introducing to the Order Brothers Addison Driver, of Alabama; J. M. Collins, of Georgia, and Jas. Newsum, of Georgia.

Our men are all doing remarkably well. In the military line, Brother Joel Dumas is maintaining the office of Senior Captain with a great deal of honor not only to himself and to his Fraternity, but to his college, and he is, without doubt, discharging the duties of this position in a more satisfactory manner than has done any officer of his rank for years. Brothers Smith L. Bivins and Webb are discharging their duties as First Lieutenants in a none the less laudatory manner. To use a bit of slang, the Kappa Alpha boys were "strictly in it" during the promotion of Sergeants. All four of the Kappa Alpha's in the junior class receiving each a sergeantship. The men were: R. T. Dorsey, Jr., Addison Driver, C. F. DeBardeleben, and S. A. Redding. Of course these will make excellent officers. The Nu boys are "in it," not only from a military point of view, but also from a "football point of view." Brothers R. T. Dorsey, Jr., and S. A. Redding being the most influential and important participants in the part that Auburn proposes to take in the ensuing "Football Carnival" at Atlanta. Our distinguished brother, Prof. A. F. McKissick, is likewise a leading man in athletics—he is not only the center of the foot-ball team, but also of almost every sport. However, there is quite a number of the Nu boys who do not participate in the sports; but these are not remaining idle; they are putting forth every effort for the attainment of intellectual and scientific knowledge. Fully realizing the fact that all minds do not run in the same channel, each one of us is laboring with redoubled energy for the attainment of perfection in whatever line his talents may lead him, so that in the end we may become an honor not only to our Fraternity and our college, but also to our country. However, while we are striving to reach the top round of all laudable pursuits, yet we ever bear in mind the old but everlasting truism: "*United we stand, divided we fall.*"

No disorder or contention exists among us. We are *fraternal* in the truest etymological sense of the word. This worthy

feature is noticeable throughout the college, both by Greek and barbarian.

About three weeks since the heart of every member of our happy little band was caused to pulsate with the deepest sorrow and pain on account of hearing the sad news of the death of our much beloved Brother Douglas Trawick. We mourn the loss of this dear brother with the feeling of selfishness, for notwithstanding the fact that in his death the whole community sustained a great loss, yet we feel that he has passed from this world of sorrow and trouble and has gone to salute the rising morn of eternal bliss—gone forever to take up his abode with his God and with his Master, whom, in this sinful world, he served so devoutly. Brother Trawick was a most exemplary young man who strived each day to become more subservient to the will of his blessed Master.

In conclusion, Nu hopes that peace, happiness, and prosperity may always be with her sister chapters.

XI.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Noteworthy news is rather meager at the Southwestern this month; it is a season of quiet routine work rather than of important college events.

Dr. W. W. Baden, of Johns Hopkins, who has been elected to the chair of Latin and Greek, recently made vacant by the untimely death of our beloved brother, S. G. Sanders, has been filling his position with all the ability of his predecessor—to say which is the highest commendation in our power to express. He is a masterly scholar, a thorough instructor, an accomplished gentleman. The printer made us say in our last chapter letter that he was a Phi; it should have read, "a Ph. D." He is a Beta Theta Pi.

We regret very much that our Brother W. C. Hogg, of Austin has had to retire from college to undergo treatment of his eyes., He expects, however, to resume his work at the opening of the second term in February.

Xi's social circle has suffered a felt loss in the departure of the Misses Bishop, daughters of the Rev. Horace Bishop, whose home is changed by action of the Northwest Texas Conference to Corsicana, this State. In honor of these most worthy and much appreciated supporters of the crimson and gold, and as our Texas November weather made the country inviting, we

spent a recent holiday most enjoyably "pecan hunting" (taking the pecans with us), which afforded rural environments to inspire the saddened muses of our two A. B. seniors to sing of the inexpressible appreciation and undying obligation they felt toward the kind sisters for their beautiful loyalty.

We have adopted the new order of business and the by-laws, with the exception that ten instead of twenty cents was fixed as the monthly dues. We are endeavoring to maintain a high standard of chapter decorum, and believe we are able to make a favorable comparison with our sister chapters in this regard. Bright prospects are before us; and some time, in the not far distant future, we hope to break to the JOURNAL a bit of glad-some news.

SIGMA.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

Since our last letter little of interest has happened at Davidson. The Thanksgiving holidays were spent most pleasantly. With lots of nice girls, beautiful weather, and plenty to eat, what college boy could fail to enjoy himself? The festivities consisted of a gymnastic exhibition on Wednesday night, a football game Thursday afternoon, and a literary entertainment on Thursday night. In each of these entertainments, with the exception of the gymnastic exhibition, was Kappa Alpha represented. Brother J. S. Hall took a prominent part in the literary exercises. Brother Cromartie played center rush on the sophomore class football eleven. Davidson's team had hoped to enter the State football association this season, but the faculty, much to the chagrin and disappointment of the students, opposed this movement, and consequently, like the little boy tied to his mother's apron-strings, we must stay at home and amuse ourselves as best we can.

Little of fraternity interest has happened here lately. Delta, Kappa Sigma's chapter at Davidson, established a chapter of that order at Trinity College, at Durham, N. C., last week. They organized with six men. This college has about 250 students, and now only two fraternities are represented there, namely: Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Sigma.

Our C. H. has received forty-five or fifty replies to the circulars sent off to the alumni. The information received through this medium has, however, added little to our chapter history, as we already had an almost complete register of every member's

chapter record, and, in most cases, we have kept up with them very well since their leaving college.

On account of impending examinations my letter must of necessity be short this time. Sigma sends her best wishes to all sister chapters for a merry Christmas, happy New Year, and a good time generally during the holidays.

PHI.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

During the past two months Time, in its onward flight, has wrought many changes in our chapter, some of which I will endeavor to chronicle.

In my October letter to the JOURNAL I had the pleasure of introducing six of our recent initiates to the Order. I now have the same pleasant task to perform, as our goat has discovered three worthy riders in the persons of J. D. W. Cocke, of Greensboro, Ala.; W. C. Whittaker, of Oswitchee, Ala., and C. A. Beard, of Verbena, Ala. All of these brothers are worthy of the honor of wearing the crimson and gold. They are very promising young men, and I feel confident that, in the near future, Phi will possess in them a tower of strength.

When we assembled in our customary place of meeting on Monday evening, November 28, our hearts were o'ershadowed with gloom. Brother Ormond, one of the original four who returned to battle for Kappa Alpha, was to leave on the evening train. His health has been very poor for some months, and he returned at the opening of the session with hopes of recovery, and that he might continue his course in college, but he grew no better and concluded it would be best for him to go home.

When we initiate a man, and he proves himself worthy of us, we feel justly proud in our acquisition; but after we have been intimately associated with him for several years, and our affection has become entwined around and about him, it grieves us to give him up. But an all-wise Providence has seen fit to remove our brother from active membership among us, and we, on our part, can only bow our heads in humble submission.

Our chapter grows stronger internally each meeting.

We are happy in the association into which we have entered.

We have instituted a literary exercise into our meetings and it proves both enjoyable and beneficial. Our worthy G. M. provides a different exercise for each meeting, and, by thus varying these exercises, they prove very interesting.

Our Chapter Hall is being prepared as fast as possible. We hope soon to have it in a suitable condition for our meetings.

We have solicited contributions from all of our alumni, but as our chapter is comparatively young, our alumni are not very far advanced in life, and are, for the greater part, poor; but several have responded to the call, and we think that others will do so in the near future. We, the present chapter, are going to lay the foundation upon which the future chapters may build. If the members of the chapter will only improve the hall each succeeding year, we will, in the course of a few years, possess an elegant hall.

At present we number within our ranks two Seniors, three Juniors, and several Sophomores and Freshmen mixed. Our chapter life internally is excellent, our boys are working hard and I think Phi has bright prospects ahead.

With fraternal greetings and best wishes to each and every chapter of our beloved Order, Phi bids them an affectionate adieu.

CHI.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Once more does Chi extend greetings to her sister chapters, and to all the readers of the JOURNAL. Since our last writing we have been moving along steadily, with nothing of particular importance in our chapter life to report. We had hoped with this issue to be able to record the initiation of at least two or three more worthy youths into the mysteries of Kappa Alpha, and by this time have them well grounded in the principles of our glorious order; but it seems that Fate has ordained otherwise. But, as I believe we now number thirteen strong, active members, besides some non-active ones, and every one of whom intends to return next year, I don't see that we need feel unduly alarmed about the welfare of our chapter. We have always held to the principle that it is quality, and not quantity, that makes a strong chapter; consequently, when we cannot get the best men we are very careful about using our "spikes" on those we consider at all second-class.

Since our last report our G. M., Brother S. K. Bland, has been chosen by the Philosophic Literary Society to represent them in a contest to be held on the 22d of February to decide who shall represent Vanderbilt in the Interstate Collegiate Oratorical Contest to be held at Charleston, S. C., on the 13th of May next. The result of that contest, if favorable to us, we shall take great pleasure in reporting at our next writing.

There has recently come to view in the Fraternity world of Vanderbilt a new statellite in the form of a chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. They have up to date initiated eight men, there being six charter members. Kappa Alpha gives them welcome.

The football season has come and gone; and it so happened that the team that Vanderbilt put in the field was not so successful as we hoped it would be. A trip was taken to Knoxville and Atlanta, and both games played on the trip were won; but on our own grounds we were not so successful. Kappa Alpha was represented on the team by Brother Lucius Burch, the impassable left guard.

Yet a few days and most of us will be enjoying all the blessings of a Christmas at home. To say that those few days will pass slowly will be expressing it lightly indeed. And wishing Kappa Alphas everywhere the most pleasant Christmas possible and the most prosperous New Year, we close.

OMEGA.

CENTRE COLLEGE.

The second issue of the JOURNAL generally meets with better success than the first, as all are busy at the beginning of the year with the new men, while after two months we can most all account for numerous honors.

Of the initiates of the various fraternities this session at Centre, Omega of Kappa Alpha has obtained one-third. Her latest are Messrs. John L. Norris, of Louisville, Ky., and Henry W. Starling, of Greenville, Miss. 'Tis useless to say that they are an honor to the order, and that we hope the pride we as a chapter find in them will be returned to the fraternity at large.

Centre's football team has passed all expectation, having never been defeated. Her Thanksgiving victory was over the University of Cincinnati, the score being 34 to 0. This would have been improved upon if our regular half-back, Brother E. H. Hudson, had been able to play. He has been confined for some weeks, but now, we are pleased to say, will soon join the team. Still Kappa Alpha was well represented by Messrs. J. E. Turner and L. P. Beckner. Mr. T. Lindsey Blayney has been awarded the management of the team, and under his care a prosperous future is guaranteed. Kappa Alpha is well represented on the Louisville Athletic Team by Mr. Jones, of ———. His work in the various games this season has brought forth many compliments from the Louisville papers.

The February contest between the Chamberlain and Dienologian societies, for the representation of the college at the inter-collegiate contest in April, will be fought in behalf of Chamberlain by Messrs. King and McKinney. Mr. King, we regret to say, is a Sigma Chi, but Kappa Alpha claims a place in the personage of the latter.

Through the efforts of our worthy President, Dr. W. C. Young, B. O. P., Centre will soon be the possessor of a handsome scientific building. This will be, next to our eminent men, our pride. The corner stone will soon be laid, and the new era that has dawned upon old Centre will in the near future be recognized not only by those who are closely associated, but also by all her sister colleges.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

What a pleasure it is, when again the time comes round for Alpha-Alpha's enjoyable chat with her sister chapters! Always does the pen of her correspondent gleam with the gold of true fraternal feeling, but especially on this occasion is there a glitter of happy fortune and internal prosperity, which is not to be repressed by pessimistic views of others. The Sewanee student is apt to be found extremely happy and good natured at this season of the year, for indeed does not the time of his departure draw near at hand, and within the very pale of a merry Christmas season does he not once more return to the arms of his dear ones at home for the blissful vacation of the winter months?

And Alpha-Alpha, too, though loth to be temporarily dissolved, hails with pleasure the advent of freedom and rest, she at least rejoicing in the consciousness of having finished a good course and a year of happiness and prosperity.

But feelings of true regret must necessarily be mingled in the combination of bitter sweet, for some are no doubt to be here seen for the last time, and the sweet sorrow of parting with well-loved brothers is only too frequent. Already has the exodus begun, and Alpha-Alpha is lessened in number and strength by the departure of Brother Howe and — can we say it? — of his charming wife. In truth, do we wish him godspeed, and especially will we bear him in mind at the time of his ordination to the Diaconate, in the middle of this month.

Brother George H. Glass, an alumnus of recent date, delightfully surprised us by suddenly making his appearance on our mountain at the time of our Thanksgiving festivities. With

much brotherly pleasure did we welcome him, and his short visit was overflowing in enjoyment and interest. But we have learned the lesson once for all that by no means has Alpha-Alpha a monopoly of fraternal welcome. A number of our members went down to Nashville lately to witness the great football game between Vanderbilt University and Sewanee, and returned praising enthusiastically the way in which they were treated by the hospitable Kappa Alphas of Chi Chapter, and so great and sincere was their appreciation that the correspondent was instructed to express the hearty thanks of Alpha-Alpha to that chapter for their pains in the way of entertainment. Ever will Nashville be recommended to wearers of the crimson and old gold as a city of hospitality and brotherly love.

This chapter is strongly enthusiastic on the subject of an exhibit at the World's Fair that will be a lasting credit and source of admiration to the Fraternity at large. We ridicule the policy of the Order in declaring that an exhibit is undesirable and unnecessary, because our Fraternity is little known in the section of the country which is honored by the presence of the Fair. This, to express it in plain words, is nonsense. Is the Fair an institution of the North or West? Is it even wholly of the United States? No. 'Tis for the benefit and instruction of the entire earth, and can, in no logical way of thinking, be considered as sectional or factional. Let us have an exhibit that we will not be utterly ashamed of, but that will be pointed out as worthy of the grand Order it represents. Is it right to bind our efficient manager, Brother Barrow, to a promise that expenses are to be placed at the barest minimum possible? Call upon the chapters for voluntary contributions. Surely there are sufficient members who are loyally full of patriotism for their country and fraternity to meet the legitimate expenses of the undertaking. Alpha-Alpha can at least be depended upon for aid in her full share, and when weighed in the balance will most assuredly not be found wanting.

Already is the air fragrant with the sweet perfume of Christmas evergreens; soon will houses be bright with holly berries and merry with sprigs of mistletoe, and the earth will put on her festive garb. And in the midst of all the gaiety and happiness of the season Alpha-Alpha extends her best and prettiest wishes to the scattered family of Kappa Alphas, and no one excels her in point of fraternal sincerity.

ALPHA-BETA.**UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.**

Since our last letter to the JOURNAL was written we have added to the chapter roll the following names: Nathaniel Alston Yuille, of Mobile, Ala.; Frank Hawthorn McConnico, of Allenton, Ala.; Eugene Glover Wing, of Jackson, Ala., and James Lundie Sloss, of Birmingham, Ala., the last-named being a transfer from Phi chapter. We have lost one: Brother R. M. Davis, who severed his connection with the University on December 1. We all regret to lose Brother Davis, and we hope that success may follow him through life. Our number is again thirteen; we held to this all through the last session, and it seems that such is to be our fate for another year.

We have changed the time of our chapter meetings from 11 o'clock on Saturday morning to 7 o'clock Monday night, and the wisdom of the change is easily apparent in the increased interest which the boys take in the meetings, and in the unanimous approval which they give to the new departure.

Brother James M. Pickel, an alumnus of Iota, was elected at the June meeting of our Board of Trustees to the chair of chemistry and metallurgy. Dr. Pickel entered on the discharge of his duties in this capacity at the opening of the present session, and we of Alpha-Beta are delighted with the "frater in facultate."

Football is all the go here this year. Athletics have only recently taken a hold at this institution, but the boys have gone to work with an energy which is itself half the battle. We are most worthily represented on the 'Varsity eleven by Brothers Smith, half-back, and Pratt, center.

The students of the University have decided to issue an annual this year. The class of '96 chose as their representative on the editorial staff our Brother Glass, who will doubtless reflect credit on his fraternity by the manner in which he will meet the requirements of the occasion.

In our letter in the October JOURNAL the scribe criticised the action of one our of best chapters rather harshly. He wrote under misinformation as to the actual facts of the case, and regrets that he did an injustice, unintentional though it was, to the brethren of Alpha and Beta.

We are anxious to find out when and where the next convention is to meet. The Chicago plan has attracted our attention by its novelty. We are undecided as to the advisability of hold-

ing the convention during the exposition; the objections seem to equal, if not to excel, the manifest advantages.

ALPHA-GAMMA.**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.**

We were all sorry and ashamed that the last letter did not reach the editor in time for publication.

But we hope that in the future Alpha-Gamma shall be always represented in the JOURNAL.

It has been two months now since our school opened, and all of those promises, made during summer, of hard studying have dwindled down to solid facts.

The fight is over, and all of those secret interviews which characterized the first two or three weeks of school have disappeared entirely.

We are now realizing the reaction after the storm, and everything is in a quiescent state.

We got our share of men during the general rush, and are proud to say that we did not make any mistakes. There are two things that always confront Kappa Alphas when they are selecting men at the opening of school. The first is the fear of "getting left," and the second and most important is the fear of taking into our midst a man that would be unworthy to wear the crimson and gold.

Our chapter is in mourning for the loss of Brother Adams, who was unable to continue his college life.

In Brother Adams we lose one of our very best men; he has always evinced the greatest interest for the welfare of Kappa Alpha, and ever since his initiation he has been an honor to the chapter and the fraternity at large. We wish Brother Adams success in life, and hope that he will continue to gather around him such friends as he has made at school.

Our last meeting was made especially interesting by the presentation of a cake to the chapter, which had been donated by our faithful sisters, Miss Irene Tennard and Miss Ollie Steele.

We challenge the fraternity world to find two sisters who take more interest for the welfare of a fraternity than these two young ladies.

The school is looking forward with the greatest interest to the Xmas hop, which we always have just before leaving for the holidays.

Since our last letter we have introduced another "Barb" into the mysteries of our order. We take great pleasure in presenting to the fraternity at large Brother Duncan Gustrie. He was well known to us, and is full worthy to wear the crimson and gold.

We have received the first number of the *College Fraternity*, and are very much pleased with it.

We would like to hear from Brother Keeble on the chapter exhibits at the World's Columbian Exposition.

We have never received our June-July numbers of the JOURNAL.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY.

Two months more have rolled round, bringing with them both joy and sorrow, enjoyment and pain. We now find ourselves almost at the opening of the Christmas holidays. These are the most joyous times of the whole year, enjoyable alike to those who spend the vacation either at home or abroad. It is a time of rest and plenty—then can the angels of heaven, together with the saints on earth, repeat with surpassing beauty of application their joyous anthem, "Peace on earth—good will toward men."

The new month just opening before us finds us with the same number of men as we formerly had in October. We have found as yet few among our student body worthy to wear the beloved "cross and shield."

The next few weeks will be a time of great excitement in the collegiate circles of this place on account of the declamatory and oratorical contests of the Washington Irving and the Stewart Literary societies. We have three brothers who have entered for the former and two for the latter contest—and all from Stewart Literary Society. We are expectant and hopeful as to the results of their respective efforts.

Rev. Sam Jones, of Georgia, the celebrated evangelist, held a "revival" here some time since, and the amount of good accomplished by him in this place was simply marvelous, which only Sam Jones was capable of doing. Without going into the details of the conversions I will only say that he did our own Kappa Alpha boys a wonderful amount of good, only one of them not having been seriously impressed. Thanks to his efforts, we have a more *religious* chapter now than ever before.

A like effect was produced on all the other fraternities represented here.

As the excitement of the boys over this affair was just subsiding, it was again aroused by the granting of a new field day by the faculty of this institution. Although no records were broken, still it was a very creditable performance, and we hope it will be continued in future as a regular holiday, to be devoted to athletic sports.

With fraternal greetings to our sister chapters and hopes of joyous times in store for them at their respective homes during the approaching holidays, we close.

ALPHA-ZETA.

WILLIAM AND MARY.

The C. S. regrets that owing to the late day at which college closed he was prevented from giving a list of honors that fell to Alpha-Zeta's lot on last final. To be brief, I will say that Brother Rose received his L. I., Brother Chandler his A. M., and the C. S. his A. B. and the Chancellor Scholarship. Brother Weymouth, in addition to graduating with an L. I., was awarded the Essayist's Medal in his society and the Brafferton Medal in the School of Pedagogy. Brother Cralle was awarded, by unanimous consent, a medal given for improvement in declamation. I think that the most of our brothers will agree with me when I say that I consider our success far above the average.

Brother G. W. Mapp is with us this year, having been elected instructor in the English department, the same place filled so ably last year by Chandler, our (1). It looks as if Kappa Alpha had a "corner" on this place.

In regard to our prospects this year, I will say that they are very good. Though we have at present only four men, yet we have our eyes on several whom I shall have the pleasure of introducing later on. William and Mary opens this year with 185 students—the largest number ever on her roll at one time. They are also further advanced, as a general thing, than their predecessors of the last three years. I take pleasure in announcing William and Mary's success, for it is synonymous with the welfare of Alpha-Zeta. We wish our sister chapters much success in their "spiking," and a pleasant and prosperous year.

ALPHA-ETA.**WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.**

It is once more my official duty, as well as my pleasure, to send Alpha-Eta's greetings to her sister chapters. Since our last letter we have initiated into our midst O. B. Moore and H. D. Matthews. We take pleasure in introducing them to the Kappa Alpha world. These increase our number to eight, making four initiates this year—Frank E. Hitner, of Palmyra, Mo.; H. I. Matthews, of Fulton, Mo.; O. B. Moore, of Fulton, Mo., and H. D. Matthews, of Fulton, Mo.

Our meetings have been of great interest this year. We have purchased a chapter album, and by the end of the year we expect to have a photo of every man of Alpha-Eta in it.

We are very desirous of having a meeting of all the Kappa Alphas in the State of Missouri, thinking it would be of great interest to the chapters of this State, which are all small this year. We have been in correspondence with Brother J. S. Chick concerning this plan, and he thinks it would be a good thing for the strengthening Kappa Alphaism in this State. We would be pleased to hear from our sister chapters in Missouri, and all of the alumni concerning this. We have written to Alpha-Delta and Alpha-Kappa, neither of which have answered our letter. Now, we are very much in favor of this, owing to the fact that if the alumni of the other chapters take as little interest in them and chapter work as ours do in us, we think it altogether necessary, and should be held as soon as possible.

Within a few weeks Alpha-Eta hopes to be the proud possessor of a paraphernalia. We have long been in need of one, and now we are going to have it.

Alpha-Eta desires to express her thanks, through the columns of the JOURNAL, to Brother S. Z. Ammen for the kindness shown to us in a recent matter. The fraternities stand: Beta Theta Pi, fourteen; Phi Delta Theta, fourteen, and Kappa Alpha, eight. They are all on good terms with each other and with the "barbs."

We have a representative, Brother Ryland, on the staff of the college paper, and also hold several of the principal offices in the Philoethean Literary Society.

We wish all the chapters success in their every effort.

ALPHA-IOTA.**CENTENARY COLLEGE.**

Alpha-Iota pursues "the even tenor of her way," save when the C. S. is startled by the familiar bimonthly call for chapter letters, the last of which appeared with such a weight of emphasis in the October JOURNAL, that we feel almost commanded to make some response.

Interesting news "have I none, but such as I have give I unto you."

We have felt much interest in the fate of the famous "Hatch Bill," because we are confident that its operation would interfere with at least one chapter of Kappa Alpha.

We fear its enactment because we are, and have been, speculating in "futures," but we will soon exchange such speculation for the realization of some very agreeable facts.

We have been painfully conscious of our numerical weakness this session, but before this letter appears in print we will have taken unto ourselves one and, in all probability, two other brothers, of whom we shall make a future and more explicit announcement.

This, our "firstly," we hope will gratify every man who calls himself a Kappa Alpha. Our "secondly" will be of interest to us alone.

As the majority of our members will spend Christmas here, we intend to observe the anniversary celebration during the holidays with an informal oyster supper. Every man is to bring his best girl, and, after paying our respects to the bivalves, we are to devote our attention—if we can—to an oration which Brother Scales has been elected to deliver.

We are glad that there is to be a Fraternity exhibit at the World's Fair, for the College Fraternity is too potent a factor in our society to be ignored, but we think that, if practicable, there should be established what might be called "Pan-Hellenic Headquarters" for the accommodation of all Fraternity men who might attend and might desire to take advantage of such an arrangement. It would not only be pleasant to meet thus one's own brothers, but we think that every true frater feels drawn by a peculiar "fellow-feeling" toward a member of any Greek letter fraternity.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

The scholastic year of 1892-3 opened with a new lease of life, as it were, for Alpha-Lambda Chapter. Through the untiring energies of Brothers Bentley and Hamilton a chapter house was procured before the beginning of the session, and thus a center for our chapter life created. Our address is 312 West Biddle street, and any brother from elsewhere who happens to be in the city may feel confident of finding the latchstring on the outside and of meeting a cordial welcome within. In this house every room is occupied by Kappa Alphas, and we have also a large and convenient chapter hall in it, where we hold our general conversations and discussions, as well as the regular meetings. In it the great attraction is the piano, and as several of our members are adepts at instrumental music, we are favored with selections ranging from the latest topical song up to the masterpieces of the most classical composers. Those who are minded to "trip the light fantastic" can do so—with their masculine partners—to their hearts' content, while the few brethren in whose minds lingers the fond impression that they can sing are also at liberty to exercise their especial gift. The contrast to the old members of last year cannot fail to be most noticeable between this year with its prospects for the future, as well as its advantages already gained, and the last; and in nothing is this more strongly felt than in the possession of a common gathering place, whither all our members may come and feel perfectly at home.

Seven members of the chapter of last year have returned—five who are students at the Hopkins and two who are associate members. The former are A. F. Bentley, Julius Blume, W. A. Montgomery, J. H. Pridgen, H. P. Thieme. The associates: Wm. S. Hamilton and John Leighton, attending lectures at the dental and medical colleges respectively. By transfer there were added to our number four new members, of whom two are associates: Brothers E. B. Anderson and E. L. Reid, of Alpha-Beta and Mu Chapters respectively, who are in attendance at the Hopkins; Brother R. D. Brown, of Sigma, of the College of Pharmacy, and Brother W. M. Redwood, from Eta.

Of this number, however, there was only one undergraduate, Brother Thieme. How well, though, despite our slim representation among the undergraduates, and the other various handicapping influences to which we were subject, Alpha-Lambda has

applied herself to work, can best be shown by the fact that we now present with satisfaction, eight new members to the Fraternity. On October 8, Mr. George William Witte, of Charleston, S. C., a member of the class of '95; on the 22d of the same month, Mr. William Olin Forbes, of Anthony, Kan., of the class of '93; on November 5, Messrs. Frederick Bogue Noyes, of Chicago, of '93; Morris James, of Morganfield, Ky., a graduate of the class of '92; Robert Lawson Pierce, of Tacoma, Wash., '95; and Ernest Pendleton Moymder, of Upper Marlborough, Md., '94; on November 19, Messrs. Frank Clement Newton, of Washington, D. C., '93.; and Thomas Fitzpatrick Cameron, of Baltimore, '93, were all initiated into the mysteries of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity. We feel confident that they will be members in every way worthy of us and the Fraternity.

On the night of Tuesday, November 8, the chapter gave a supper, served at the chapter house, to the new initiates. Brother Ammen, our K. C., we were delighted to have with us, if only for a part of the evening. The informal toasts responded to were quite amusing, the personal reminiscences of the new members being—some of them—especially so. Our housewarming was voted so much of a success that the new initiates kindly invited us to repeat it quite frequently, though it is a matter of some doubt whether we shall do so on terms so perfectly agreeable to them as were those on which we held this one. After disposing of the edibles all adjourned in a body to the newspaper offices, to hear the election returns, where we "made the welkin ring" with artistic and enthusiastic renditions of the Hopkins yell and the chapter cry, that we christened on that night:

'Rah! 'Rah!! 'Rah!!! Kappa Alpha!!!!
 Al—pha—Lamb—da,
 'Rah! 'Rah!! 'Rah!!!

If any chapter think they have a better or more earsplitting means of acquainting persons with their whereabouts than this, let them show their hands; but *until* then we won't believe it.

On account of the non-return of so many of our officers elected last April we have chosen the following officers for the ensuing year: (1), Blume; (2), Thieme; (3), Forbes; (4), Witte; (5), Pridgen; (6), Montgomery; (7), Thieme; (8), Reid; (9), Bentley.

So excellent do we think the set of by-laws laid down by Brother Ammen in the Annual Catalogue, as suggestions for use of chapters, that we have adopted them, with only a few imma-

terial changes, as our working system. They are the product of much care and thought on Brother Ammen's part, and we recommend them highly to other chapters.

We are much pleased that the First Annual Catalogue meets with so much approbation in the eyes of various chapters; we trust that it is but the first of a long series of services that Alpha-Lambda will be able to do the Fraternity at large. We can hardly give Brother Hamilton too much credit for the patience and care which he bestowed upon it; and it is in every sense a credit to his efforts.

With congratulations to our sister chapters upon the auspicious beginnings they have made for the year, and with fraternal regards, we close.

KAPPA.

MERCER UNIVERSITY.

Brother R. H. Powell, Jr., class of '94, has been elected associate editor of Mercer's college paper, the *Mephistophelean*.

On the 26th inst. Mr. Terry Hinkle, of Americus, Ga., class of '94, was elevated from the darkness of college "barbarism" to the mysteries of the Kappa Alpha Order.

Dr. G. A. Nunnally has tendered his resignation as President of Mercer University, to take effect January 1, 1893. It has been accepted by the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Willett, a member of the Faculty, will act as president until some one is elected as Dr. Nunnally's successor. Who this will be, the Board of Trustees have not yet decided. Dr. Nunnally has made a capital college president, and was exceedingly popular with the boys, who regret to see him leave Mercer.

Kappa's letter reached the JOURNAL too late for publication in the October number, but we trust it is on file and will appear in the next issue.

We have seen several of the other Fraternities' organs, but speaking from a candid standpoint, we think ours far ahead of any of them.

We hope the JOURNAL in its next issue will contain something editorially about Kappa Alpha being represented in the "College Fraternity Building," at the Columbian Exposition. Kappa Alpha must be represented, and must have creditable apartments, too, and it is time such things are being discussed.

Editorial.

ALTHOUGH it is nearly ten months before the next general convention is to meet, yet the atmosphere is thick with discussion concerning it and the various questions that must be solved in connection therewith. Nor is it, indeed, too early for such discussion and solutions. The next convention must be a successful affair. Success is, as most adjectives, a relative term. What would have been a successful convention in 1883 will not be considered as successful in 1893. Times and conditions change, and and new rules of estimate spring into being.

In order to have a successful convention it is necessary to use care in the selection of a place. As yet only two places are spoken of: One is Chicago, the other is Richmond, Va. There are various reasons advanced in favor of a meeting in Chicago, and many of them plausible. Nevertheless, it does not appear at all desirable to go into a city without the bounds of our order, where few, if any, members reside, in order to hold a general council. If it were not for the World's Fair such an idea would die of its own weight. What, then, is added to reason by the holding of the Fair? Chiefly economy, and yet most of the delegates will be able to secure reduced rates in order to attend the convention. And, besides, economy cannot outweigh the fact that in the rush of the exposition it will be almost impossible to have a working body. The hardest and best work that the convention will do will come developed from the rounds of communities. The convention would be lost in the whirl of people at Chicago, owing to the exposition.

We ought to meet in our own territory, where our members live. As a matter of expediency, a central city is most to be desired, as it is far more accessible than one upon the border; still if Richmond (or any other Virginia city) desires the convention the JOURNAL will be pleased to see the desire gratified.

It is rumored that chapters are rather shy of the convention from financial reasons. This is not necessary. A banquet is not a constitutional element of Kappa Alpha conventions. We are

not opposed to banquets, but we do think that extravagant expenditures by college boys is not necessary or even commendable. If no invitation is received the K. C. should select a place which he thinks suitable, and let the entertainment take care of itself.

It is to be hoped that the delegates who attend the convention will be chosen by the chapters with reference to their fitness to aid by their advice and vote the affairs of the Order. They should be of the more mature members. Each delegate should fit himself for his duties. To the convention many propositions will be presented; and many will be ably pressed for adoption, and some of these will doubtless will be worse than useless. A thinking body is desired. Look forward, then, and prepare for the convention of 1893, for it will be a landmark in the history of the Order.

FOR some time, off and on, the new law in reference to charter granting has been discussed in the JOURNAL. At times the debate was rather fervid. The JOURNAL and some of the most prominent members of the Order disagreed upon the matters in issue. Deserting the columns of the JOURNAL, which had been the arena in which the pens were wielded as weapons, the combatants resorted to correspondence, and, after so long a time, the passage of many letters. The pens have been laid aside and hostilities declared off. This simply means that certain members have about agreed as to what the law in reference to the granting of charters should be. As soon as possible the JOURNAL desires to submit to the Order a complete draft of the proposed law in reference to the granting of charters.

ELSEWHERE in the JOURNAL, and also in the annual catalogue, the K. C. seems to think it advisable to add a new degree for alumni. He does not delineate his idea, consequently it is not plain what he intends to do with it. This proposition in the abstract is by no means new. It came before the convention of 1889 and was referred to a committee which was to report to the convention of 1891. However, the committee never reported. The policy was declared against by the convention of 1891. The Order at large is not prepared for such a change as was proposed before, nor does it clearly appear what, if any,

is the difference between the proposition before submitted to the Order and the idea in the mind of our K. C. The JOURNAL desires the K. C. to fully outline his policy in this regard in order that the Fraternity may become familiar with it.

AS LONG as man is a creature of sentiment, so long will he love emblems, and just so long will emblems aid in keeping alive and increasing enthusiasm and interest. A flag has more significance in battle than the mere designation of armies, though perhaps that was the original purpose of its use. Just as a flag has more meaning than mere designation, so has a fraternity pin a wider and better influence upon men than simply designating the order to which various members belong. He who has ever owned an emblem needs no such statements as these to acquaint him with the use of a fraternity pin. In college it is the owner's pride; in after-life, the one talisman that brings the past joy almost into a second existence.

There should be as many pins as possible in every chapter, and they should be worn constantly. The pin is not invented to adorn the friend of a member, but it is made to be worn by that member. Especially should members wear their pins during the scholastic year. In vacation, if a brother desires to lend his pin to a fair friend, why little harm is done, but during active fraternity life the place for the pin is on the breast of an active member of a Fraternity.

The writer writes not from having kept such faith, for he never did. When at college he sinned in this point as much as man could possibly sin, but he now knows it to be error.

There should be just as many badges as can be secured, and they should be uniform, at least as far as size and shape are concerned. There are many reasons for this, which have often been narrated and need no repetition.

One thing which prevents many members from owning fraternity pins, is the fact that they are not financially able to purchase as handsome pins as certain other members have. Of course there are numbers of wise people who will at once cry out, false pride, and foolishness. While there is some truth in this, yet the cry usually comes from two classes of people; one class that has never been placed in such a position, the other class that has bought the expensive pins.

There is much false pride, as it is called, in human nature, as wrong as it may be, yet it is an actual thing, and it must be met rather than avoided. In view of these facts the Fraternity should go at least this far, a limit of cost should be established, and that limit should be a moderate and reasonable sum. By this means, a badge of the most costly kind permitted, would be in reach of nearly every one, and there would not be a great difference in appearance between the most costly ones and the cheaper ones.

In the second place an extravagant expenditure for a Fraternity pin is useless; young men, rich or poor, should not waste money; already men cry out against fraternities on account of the cost of belonging to them. The question of badges is one which demands the attention of the Fraternity at present. It will undoubtedly be before the next convention for determination.

That policy should be adopted which will tend to place a badge upon every active member, and, placing it there, to keep it there, so long as he mingles among men as an active member of this Fraternity.

That policy should be adopted which will tend to permit every member to carry into after life an emblem of days—college days—to brighten and cheer in the shadows of human struggle.

THE KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL is not a political magazine, nor should it be partisan if it were political; but the JOURNAL does profess to be patriotic. As a patriotic publication it congratulates the country, and especially the young men of the country, upon the election of Grover Cleveland to the presidency. And why? Not because Mr. Cleveland is a Democrat; not because of any of Mr. Cleveland's political policies. With these things the JOURNAL has nothing to do. The JOURNAL rejoices in this beyond all else: The nomination of Mr. Cleveland over the opposition of almost every political schemer and trickster in the Democratic party was a testimonial of that party's admiration and respect for integrity in public life, and Mr. Cleveland's election was an endorsement by the nation of the spirit of the party nominating him.

For years it has been said that only by double dealing, or by culpable silence at critical periods, could a man be successful in American public life. If such were so, then alas! for the

honesty of a nation, and, alas! for its hopes of perpetuity. Mr. Cleveland's success is due, mainly, to having won the affection of his party, and the confidence of the entire people, by his bold declaration of principles and his fearless adherence to what appeared to be right. Thus is it established beyond peradventure that Americans will recognize purity of purpose and openness of opinion. Now it is that any man may enter public life and be inspired to keep his honor and his conscience unfettered.

THE whole college world has gone daft on the subject of athletics. The orator of old Philomathean, the scholar of his class, has given up the place of prominence and popularity to the pitcher of the baseball team and the left half-back of the football eleven. The only dignitary of the institution who can approach these men in importance is the fellow who runs a hundred yards in less than ten seconds on field day, and beats all the representatives of rival institutions. Athletics are not to be despised; on the contrary they are to be cultivated at every college. Every student should receive a thorough physical and mental training. As a matter of fact, the best way to train a man's body or mind is to exercise it in some manner that will interest as well as improve that man. So all manner of sports are the best means of holding the interest of men in athletics for a sufficient time to thoroughly develop the bones, sinews and muscles. Not only for this purpose should athletic sports be kept up, but contests between the various colleges increase the enthusiasm of men for their *alma mater*; so much of the animal is there in man.

It is well, more than well, that each university or college have games on fixed and certain days, as Thanksgiving day, on which to contest with other institutions. But when a baseball nine or a football eleven take a tour for a couple of weeks, traveling from Dan to Beersheba just to play ball, leaving the college work behind, it seems that athletics have gone just a little too far.

When colleges hire professional players and have a sham matriculation, in order to strengthen their teams, athletics have then gone too far.

How can college men take interest in a victory won by the efforts of a matriculate in the academic department who is not fitted to enter college from a mental standpoint any more than

are the majority of glee clubs to sing in the heavenly choir from a musical standpoint?

All such as this should receive the condemnation of the real lovers of college athletics, for it tends to bring them into disrepute among sober-minded people, and will, if unchecked, ultimately result in the destruction of either the athletic or the literary departments of colleges, either one of which would, we dare say, be a thing to be lamented.

There are few things that interest a genuine lover of his college as an athletic contest between the representatives of that college and the representatives of another institution. There are few men more interested in such contests than the writer. There is no man who believes more in the necessity of the preservation and increase of the physical strength of a nation in order to maintain the mental strength of that nation. Physical weakness is the preliminary of mental weakness in nations and men.

Cultivate and encourage college athletics, but keep them within the bounds of reason.

THE Grand Historian pleads for a safe to keep the Fraternity records in. His reasons are sound, and his arguments invincible. Mr. Hubbard has diligently striven to collect the records of our Order, and the Fraternity owes it to him, as well as to itself, to preserve them. It is to be hoped that the contributions asked will be liberally given.

THE rushing season is over, and all the excitement that is attendant thereto is abated. Nevertheless, the work of the chapters is just fairly begun.

THE magazine, *The College Fraternity*, appears monthly. It is well edited, and abounds in matters of general interest to Fraternity men. It is a welcome visitor to the JOURNAL table. The JOURNAL hopes that this publication will prove successful. What will be the result of the enterprise is uncertain. The publishers are certainly bold.

FOR another time we exclaim to the Fraternity at large in general, and the readers of the JOURNAL in particular. A merry Christmas. A sincere desire it is that, for you this season be really merry and glad. The year is drawing rapidly to a close. Perhaps before these words are read the year will have drawn to a close. What have we done worthy of remembrance? What, as a Fraternity, have we achieved? What, as men, have we accomplished? Christmas time is properly a time of serious thought and retrospection. If there has been any failure in the past year, let it be a lesson for the year to come — a landmark to warn against a similar failure. If anything has been well done, let it be a stimulus to renewed and energetic action.

In the blaze of the season's glory, in the shadow of retrospective thought, in the inspiration of glimpsing the future, receive the JOURNAL's greeting.

Greek News and Clippings.

We clip from the *Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi, the ensuing notice of the action by the faculty of Chicago University in regard to the admission of fraternities:

"The faculty deems the establishment of secret societies in the university to be undesirable. In its judgment the ends sought by these societies, so far as they are laudable, may be secured by other means which shall be free from the objection of secrecy, of rigid exclusiveness, and of antagonism to the democratic spirit which is inherent in the highest scholarship and manhood and the most exalted citizenship, and it would be deeply gratified that if the high purpose and lofty feeling of the body of students should lead them to cooperate with it by voluntarily excluding everything that makes against a broadly fraternal spirit on which the University of Chicago was founded. If chapters are organized here, the following are the rules, passed by the trustees and the faculty, to which they must submit:

'1. Each chapter organized must submit its house rules to the faculty for approval.

'2. That each appoint a representative with whom the faculty may confer at such time as may be desirable.

'3. That membership in the societies be restricted to students of the second year academic colleges and students of the university colleges.'

"To anyone who lays claim to having a knowledge even to a very slight extent of the present system of institutions known as college fraternities the above reasons advanced against their existence can be of no weight. As regards the abominable 'feature of secrecy' and of 'rigid exclusiveness' we were of the opinion that these moth-eaten objections had long since perished of old age. In respect to the fact that they are 'antagonistic to the democratic spirit which is inherent in the highest scholarship and manhood' is merely an extreme example of fossiliferous ignorance.

"The above quoted action of the faculty is a refrain which smacks very strongly of President Harper's master touch. There is somewhat of a riddle involved in the cause for the learned

professor's woful ignorance in regard to the subject at hand, the only solution that presents itself to my mind being in the fact that he has unfortunately confused those miserable burlesques on the system which are allowed to exist at Yale with fraternities in general."

From time immemorial the muse of D. K. E. has gracefully worn the palm for having been the instigator of more fervid outbursts of effusive rhythm than any of her less inspired sisters. We are all familiar with that modest sentiment which found vent in the following little stanza, which was perpetrated in the *Quarterly* some time ago. The exact words may not be quoted, but there is scarcely any doubt as regards the sentiment:

"O to be a D. K. E.,
O to be a D. K. E.
The world and life were naught to me
Were I not a D. K. E."

But alas! "what a descent for the mighty!" Our vaunted muse has been finally captured, and her proud laurels have been scattered in the dust of mortification. Henceforward Sigma Chi can justly claim within her ranks the Hellenic Poet Laureate. There seems to be a hankering after loftier things since Grover was lassoed. Gaze on the prize production:

"In '55 we had our birth,
In '92 we own the earth;
On judgment day we will feel big—
Old Gabriel, he will be a Sig."

The various Fraternities at DePauw publish two weekly papers. Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Tau Delta and Delta Upsilon control the *Record*, while the *Bema* is run by Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu.

Central College, Fayette, Mo., has persistently remained anti-fraternity. Recently, however, the faculty seemed to grasp the fact that fraternities were not such barbarous institutions after all, and finally agreed to experiment with the idea and allow but two chapters during the process of probation. Phi Delta Theta, Chi Phi and Sigma Nu made simultaneous application for admission. Sigma Nu received the cold shoulder, but announces her intention of defying the existing powers, and is running with a *sub rosa* membership of ten.

In the last issue of the *Beta Theta Pi* we find a well-written editorial on the Alumni Chapter. The following clipping is appropriated for the consideration of Kappa Alphas, as this question will probably be very popular at the next convention :

"How, then, can the alumni best be organized? We think that the defect in our present scheme is that the alumni chapter, as such, has no clearly defined and enforcible rights and duties toward the general fraternity. Without attempting to lay down an elaborate plan of organization, we would suggest the formation of alumni chapters, or associations, or clubs, which, having not less than a designated membership, shall have the same rights and the same liabilities as to the general Fraternity that the active chapters possess. For example, such an alumni chapter or club would pay the same dues as an active chapter, say five dollars for each member; and, these dues being paid, the alumni chapter would have the same rights as an active chapter. Thus it would be entitled to a vote at the convention as a chapter, to free transportation of its delegate to and from the convention, to one copy of the magazine, and perhaps of other Fraternity publications, for each of its members. Its dues should be collected by its treasurer and remitted by him to the General Treasurer of the Fraternity, as the chapter dues are now remitted. The payment of dues, should, of course, be a condition of membership in the chapter, or club, which, like the active chapters, should be responsible to the Fraternity for the payment of the dues of each of its members."

The following little poem which so beautifully expresses the Fraternity idea is copied from the Theta Delta Chi *Shield*:

"The man who loves his fellow-men,
Who, injured, injures not again;
Who lives not to defraud his neighbor
But eats the bread of honest labor;
Whose heart can throb with sympathy
For suffering humanity;
Who loves not caste, nor worship's station,
Nor rates man by his occupation;
Who, honoring his mother's name,
Thinks it not noble to defame
A woman's character, nor smiles
At quiet which innocence beguiles;
Who gives his voice to save from death

The victim of vile slander's breath ;
Who asks not, when the needy cry :
' Who is my neighbor ? ' but will fly
With ready aid to their relief
And sympathize with all their grief,—
He is the man who lives in truth,
And will live thro' eternal youth.
To love, we need to know each other,
We cannot feel a man a brother
Unless our hand has grasped his hand,
Unless we see unfold, expand,
From bud to bloom sweet friendship's flower,
Which does not bloom in an hour ;
Unless we know his inmost thought,
Unless our souls have been inwrought
With one another, year by year,
Comrades in joy, and hope, and fear.
Who would have friends must friendly be,
So teaches our Fraternity."

Delta Upsilon has ever prided herself on maintaining features at variance with those usually in vogue in other fraternities. Her non-secret clause has always been the subject of decided emphasis, but this oddity dwindles into insignificance if we are to believe the Sigma Chi correspondent of Northwestern University, according to whose report the Delta Upsilon Chapter at that institution recently saw fit to oust three of its members for the offense of committing matrimony. The chapter's by-laws doubtless contain a non-lottery clause.

The following is clipped from the editorial department of the initial number of the *College Fraternity*, and briefly announces the mission which this laudable enterprise proposes to fill:

"The interests and aims of all Greek-letter fraternities are common. The prosperity and success of each accrues to the welfare of all. The different creeds and denominations of the Christian Church agree in support of the teachings of Christ, but they differ in vital points of doctrine and belief. The great political parties of the nation agree in a deep concern for the public good and in their aim to advance the material welfare of all, but they differ on the most essential features of governmental doctrine.

"The members of the College Fraternity world agree in all things and differ in none. They all are endeavoring to achieve the same end, and all are making use of the same means. There is between all College Fraternities and all their members a

community of interest. We believe that that community of interest has never been properly fostered and developed. We believe that in the development of this common interest between members of all College Fraternities is the secret of the greater successes that are yet to be accomplished and the key to their correct solution. We believe that every gain for one fraternity is a gain for all. We believe that the American College Fraternity system is but in the dawn of its useful career, and that the successes it has scored in the past simply foreshadow what it is destined to accomplish. These are the reasons for the existence of the *College Fraternity*."

The University of Mississippi correspondent to *Sigma Chi Quarterly* gives the following account of the general status of the university at the fall opening:

"The number of students is somewhat smaller than in previous years, on account of the financial pressure that most of the Southern States are now undergoing, but it can be safely said that the deficiency in number is fully made up in quality. Perhaps in the history of the university never did a more studious body of young men gather into her halls. The faculty has been enlarged, having now twenty-one instructors. We have recently organized an athletic association, which adds much to student life here. We have one of the best baseball teams in the State, and the football team is ready to try the goal with any of our Southern colleges.

"What few fraternities that are left are doing well, and have got men. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Psi, Phi Kappa Psi, and, we might say, Delta Tau Delta, have all gone under this year; the Delta Tau Deltas have three men here."

From an excellent article on suggestions to new initiates in the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*, we clip the following:

"One of the first things you observe after initiation is that you are no longer a unit, but that your individuality is now, to some degree, merged in that of your fellows. You no longer work for yourself alone; your triumphs are shared by your associates, and no longer do you work with selfish aims, but learn to consult the interests of others and strive for their advancement. By joining a fraternity you are given a standing socially and a prestige among your associates. But remember, too, that now your frailties are not looked upon as those of an individual alone, but as the errors of a member of Phi Gamma Delta. If the so-

ciety which you join throws a luster about you on account of its high standing in the college, you are in honor bound to keep up that reputation and guard well your life, lest through you any spot should dim its fair fame."

It is with deep regret that we notice the lamentable condition of South Carolina College since that State has fallen into the Alliance trap. Besides being reduced in rank from a university, the number of its students has diminished one-half. Only sixty-five students are now present, and a final dissolution is imminent. Rho Chapter was, for a number of years, a very prominent member of our circle and an acknowledged leader at Columbia, but her deathblow was delivered when the change was inaugurated. She promises to have plenty of company by the end of the present term, if the College remains intact till that time. The Sigma Nu correspondent to the *Delta* estimates the new Fraternity material at five men and gives the following as the numerical standing of various frats: Chi Psi, 7; Chi Phi, 5; Phi Kappa Psi, 5; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 4; Phi Delta Theta, 2; Alpha Tau Omega, 3; Sigma Nu, 4; Kappa Sigma, 2.

Early in the fall, after the usual preliminary arrangements, a Pan-Hellenic reunion and banquet was held by the Texas Greeks in Fort Worth. A permanent organization was effected, with the determination of making it an annual affair. Dallas was decided upon as the next place of meeting, the reunion to be held some time during the meeting of the '93 fair. Representatives from Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chi Phi, Chi Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Psi, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi, Phi Delta Phi, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Beta Kappa, and Phi Gamma Delta.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has adopted, as an experiment, the system of running a secret organ, in which matters pertaining to the internal workings of the Fraternity may be brought solely before the eyes of its own members. It bears the enterprising name of "*Hustler*," and will consist of thirty-two pages of reading matter.

Sigma Chi has issued, for some years, a periodical of similar character, known as the "*Bulletin*," which is sent free to members of the Fraternity subscribing to the *Quarterly*. It appears

in the months of October, December, January, March, April and June. At the time of the conjunction of Beta Theta Pi and the Mystic Seven the *Mystic Messenger* was established to fulfill a like mission, and it still appears contemporaneously with the *Beta Theta Pi*.

Personals.

RECENT INIATIONS.

ALPHA.

James A. DeArmund Butler, Mo.
J. Russell Houston Ashland, Ky.

GAMMA.

R. A. Fleiss New York, N. Y.

DELTA.

Raue Hardin Chester, S. C.

ETA.

Russell Acree Danville, Va.
Roger W. Harrison Richmond, Va.
M. Estes Cocke Hollins, Va.
James A. Turner Hollins, Va.

IOTA.

James H. Funderberg Orangeburg, S. C.
Robert L. McGee Greenville, S. C.
Theo. A. Quattlebaum Winnboro, S. C.
George P. White Johnston, S. C.

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C. E. Holmer Sun Hill, Ga.
Mike Hudson Atlanta, Ga.
H. B. McCall Macon, Ga.
J. W. Goice Hawkinsville, Ga.
Terry Hinkler Americus, Ga.

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E. M. Watts Portsmouth, Va.

MU.

Jesse R. Bell ———

NU.

Addison Driver Alabama.
J. M. Collins Georgia.
James Newsom Georgia.

PHI.

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W. C. Whittaker Oswitchee, Ala.
C. A. Beard Verbena, Ala.

OMEGA

John L. Norris Louisville, Ky.
Henry W. Starting Greenville, Miss.

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Nathaniel Alston Yuille.....	Mobile, Ala.
Frank Hawthorne McConnico.....	Allenton, Ala.
Eugene Glover Wing.....	Jackson, Ala.
James Lundie Sloss.....	Birmingham, Ala.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

Duncan Gustine	_____
E. A. McGinnis.....	_____
E. W. Robertson	_____

ALPHA-ETA.

Frank E. Hitner	Palmyra, Mo.
H. I. Matthews	Fulton, Mo.
O. B. Moore	Fulton, Mo.
H. D. Matthews	Fulton, Mo.

ALPHA-LAMEDA.

George William Witte	Charleston, S. C.
William Olin Forbes.....	Anthony, Kan.
Frederick Bogue Noyes	Chicago, Ill.
Morris James.....	Morganfield, Ky.
Robert Lawson Pierce.....	Tacoma, Wash.
Ernest Pendleton Magruder.....	Upper Marlborough, Md.
Frank Clement Newton	Washington, D. C.
Thos Fitzpatrick Cannon.....	Baltimore, Md.

E. C. Laird (Eta) is reading law in Atlanta, Ga.

Jos. W. Milner (Chi) is a druggist in Florence, Ala.

R. E. Crawford (Omicron) is practicing law in Austin, Tex.

J. S. Follansbee (Chi) is a pharmacist in Bramwell, W. Va.

Albert E. Barnett (Chi) is practicing law in Birmingham, Ala.

D. L. Simmons (Omicron) is a member of the Texas Legislature.

T. P. Harrison (Theta) has the chair of English in Clemson College.

T. A. Graham (Delta) is a member of the South Carolina Legislature.

Richard Cornelius Taylor (Beta) is with the Marine Bank, Norfolk, Va.

H. T. Burnley (Eta) is in the wholesale grocery business at Norfolk, Va.

P. F. Brodie (Iota) is Superintendent of the Public Schools of Spartanburg.

Wm. M. Redwood (Eta) is an employee of a prominent bank in Baltimore.

E. H. Russell (Eta) is principal of the public school at Pulaski City, Va.

E. Jacobs (Eta) has a position in the First National Bank, of Shreveport, La.

T. D. Parker (Rho) has a cadetship in the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis.

A. S. H. Brislow (Eta, '89) is taking a course in law at the University of Virginia.

R. M. Hodge (Gamma) is one of Georgia's Legislators, representing Pulaski County.

Robt. A. Chapman (Chi) has located in Lincoln, Ala., and will practice civil engineering.

E. W. Martin (Delta) is serving his third term in the Georgia House of Representatives.

J. W. Simpson (Rho) is assistant cashier in the First National Bank, of Spartanburg, S. C.

G. D. Bellinger (Iota), of Barnwell, S. C., has been elected Solicitor General of his circuit.

E. Bearden (Delta), class of '92, is engaged in the law office of A. B. Calvert, Spartanburg, S. C.

Geo. Y. MacMurphy (Chi) has received his degree, M.D., and is practicing in Charleston, S. C.

Romulus E. Culver (Chi) was recently elected prosecuting attorney of Buchanan county, Mo.

T. G. McLeod (Delta) is principal of the Oswego Male and Female Seminary, of South Carolina.

Morris E. Temple (Alpha-Alpha) has purchased an interest in the Chattanooga Furniture Company.

Hardin T. Burnley (Eta) holds a position with J. S. Bells & Sons, Norfolk County, as bookkeeper.

G. F. Clarkson (Delta) will unite with the S. C. conference of the M. E. church, South, at its next session.

Smith Clayton (Gamma) has made himself almost famous in his "Idler's Column" of the *Atlanta Journal*.

Hampton Manning Jackson (Delta) is a member of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

Capt. Opp (Omicron) has recently been elected mayor of Llano, Tex. Quite an honor for a graduate of '92.

W. J. Cocke (Delta), delegate to the last Kappa Alpha Convention, and of class '92, is studying law at Harvard.

W. Wyman Pilcher (Epsilon) will receive the degree of M. D. next February from the Augusta (Ga.) Medical College.

W. A. Harris (Eta) M. A. class of '86 and Ph.D., from Johns Hopkins, is a professor in the Richmond Female Institute.

Wm. A. Little, Jr. (Zeta and Lambda), of Fredericksburg, Va., will cast one of the electoral votes for Cleveland and Stevenson.

A. B. Calvert (Delta) has an extensive law practice in Spartanburg, S. C., and is United States Commissioner for his district.

Giles L. Wilson (Delta), a member of the Advisory Board of the Order, is taking a course in bookkeeping at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

John Temple Graves (Gamma), Georgia's most brilliant orator, won many laurels in his campaign speeches made recently in New York.

Bennett J. Conyers (Gamma), first honor man of class '84, and Ernest C. Kontz (Gamma) are practicing law together in Atlanta, Ga.

Walter W. Kirkpatrick (Alpha) is connected with a prominent insurance firm in Atlanta, Ga., and is exceedingly popular in social circles.

Wm. N. Guthrie (Alpha-Alpha), professor of modern languages in Kenyon College, Ohio, is soon to be ordained deacon in the Episcopal church. Brother Guthrie is spending the holidays with Alpha-Alpha, and it would be safe to say that when he leaves the mountain he will leave bachelorhood with it.

John W. Wade (Kappa), first honor man class '91, and W. H. Kilpatrick, second honor man of same class, are co-principals of the High School at Blakely, Ga.

Wm. Torrey Howe (Alpha-Alpha) was ordained deacon by Bishop Thompson at Jackson, Miss., on December 18, '92. His future address will be Biloxi, Miss.

Chas. W. Smith (Delta) has been elected to the State Senate of Georgia. He took an active part in the recent campaign, and is quite prominent in State politics.

Among the four delegates appointed, November 28, by Gov.

Northern, of Georgia, to the New Orleans Nicaragua Canal Convention is Clark Howell, of Gamma.

Frank Turner Norvell (Eta) and J. F. Blackwell (Zeta) are professors in Norfolk Male Academy. Both are valuable additions to the alumni chapter, as well as Norfolk society.

P. B. Hamer (Delta) has bought a half interest in the Yadkin Valley *News*, and re-enters the field of journalism in that growing young city, which bids fair to rival the far-famed Asheville.

Frank E. Calloway (Gamma) has accepted a position on the editorial staff of the leading daily in Columbus, Ga. Mr. Calloway is yet quite young, but has made a state reputation as an editorial writer.

William H. Davis (Kappa) class of '85, defeated one of the most prominent lawyers in Georgia in his recent race for solicitor of the Augusta (Ga.) circuit, and justly deserves the great honor that the Georgia Legislature has conferred upon him.

John Shelby Barrow (Beta) represents Kappa Alpha in "The College Fraternities' Exhibit Committee." He has been engaged in railroad business for six or eight years, and is now assistant general passenger agent of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, Chicago.

H. Warner Hill (Epsilon) is serving his fifth term in the Georgia Legislature. He is chairman of the most important House Committee and has been the author of many bills. He is a lawyer of ability, a shrewd politician, and an heir to some great honor in the gift of the people.

The Baltimore *Sun* of November 28, says: "Rev Andrew Broadbuss, pastor of the Baptist church at Bowling Green, Va., is at the Johns-Hopkins Hospital under medical treatment." Brother Broadbuss is an alumnus of Eta, class of '73, and it is with much regret that we hear of his serious illness.

W. A. Edwards (Epsilon, '89) is taking a post-graduate course at Georgetown University, D. C. After leaving Emory College with first honor and six medals, he entered Georgetown to win more distinction. At his graduation last summer he won two essay prizes, the contest being open to all the students of the University.

The Charleston *News and Courier* recently published short biographies of the South Carolina Legislature. Kappa Alpha

has three members in their body: Senator S. G. Mayfield (Iota), and Representatives Graham (Delta), and H. C. Folk (Delta). All are quite young to hold such honorable positions, and the sketches of their lives are indeed interesting.

John S. Candler (Epsilon) was recently reëlected Solicitor of Stone Mountain Circuit without opposition. No young man in Georgia is more universally known. He was the able K. C. of our Order for two terms; was Judge Advocate General for the State under Gen. Gordon; is now serving his third term as Solicitor, and was a prominent speaker during the recent campaign in Georgia.

Possibly no young minister in Virginia has won such distinction as has Brother Herbert M. Hope (Zeta), who has just been transferred to Market-street church, Petersburg. To honor the departing preacher in Danville, all the pastors of other denominations closed their churches and were present to hear his farewell sermon. He is an orator of great earnestness and power, affectionate, approachable, gentle, yet always fearless in declaring the truth.

The Norfolk Alumni Chapter is in a flourishing condition, and numbers the following nineteen men:

J. S. Smith, Lambda, President.	T. T. Hubbard, Beta, Secretary.
R. G. Baylor, Alpha-Zeta.	J. F. Blackwell, Zeta.
M. K. Cannon, Lambda.	H. C. Davis, Zeta, Lambda.
L. S. Guy, Alpha-Zeta.	G. T. Gwathmey, Beta.
W. W. Gwathmey, Jr., Beta.	J. L. Hubbard, Beta.
W. A. Mehegan, Jr., Beta.	F. T. Norvell, Eta.
J. O. Reid, Alpha-Zeta.	W. H. Ross, Alpha.
A. O. Smith, Delta.	T. Taylor, Alpha-Zeta.
R. C. Taylor, Beta.	J. G. Tilton, Lambda.
E. W. Turner, Alpha-Zeta.	

It is with much pride that Kappa Alpha claims as one of her members the brilliant young orator John Temple Graves, of Georgia. So prominent has he become as a lecturer and campaigner that the whole nation knows him. Henry Watterson says: "He is the most eloquent Southerner of to-day." Abram S. Hewitt pronounced him the most finished orator he had heard in years. Grover Cleveland thus complimented him: "Graves is the most brilliant and statesman-like orator heard in New York in years." Hundreds of prominent men have said as much. With all Mr. Graves' talent and political bent he has never asked an office at the hands of his people. All Kappa Alphas honor the young orator, and will watch his life with much interest.

Among appointments made at the one hundred and tenth session of the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South, which was in session at Norfolk, Va., November 17-22, are the following: Rappahannock District (Mathews)—D. G. C. Butts (Zeta). Charlottesville District (Orange Circuit)—Ernest Stevens (Zeta). Farmville District (Lunenburg)—John M. Burton (Zeta). Petersburg District (Market street, Petersburg)—Herbert M. Hope (Zeta). Norfolk District (Granby street, Norfolk)—A. Coke Smith (Delta).

STEVENS—CONNOR.

W. Sydney Stevens (Epsilon), class of '86, was married to Miss Hettie Connor, of Cave Springs, November 23, 1892. The groom is a prominent young minister in the North Georgia Conference, and has chosen a most estimable woman to share with him his lot. She is a daughter of Prof. W. O. Conner, Superintendent of the State Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, a most beautiful woman, and possessing those rare qualities which go to make up an ideal character.

NICHOLSON—WHITCOMB.

The Richmond (Va.) *Dispatch* of November 16, '92, gives a lovely description of a marriage which will interest many Kappa Alphas: "The myriads of raindrops which tossed themselves pell-mell against the roof of All-Saint's church yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock did not mar the happiness within the pretty little edifice when Miss Alice Whitcomb, of this city, and Mr. George Llewellyn Nicholson, of Washington, D. C., were married." Mr. Nicholson (Beta) was born in Middlesex County, Virginia, and is a graduate (class '85) of V. M. I.; has been assistant engineer with K. & O., R. & A., and C. & O. Railroads at various times since 1885, and is a resident of Washington. He is a brother of Dr. Wm. P. Nicholson, of Atlanta, Ga.

SIMPSON—MALONE.

Wm. Thos. Simpson (Chi), of Cedartown, Ga., was married on October 27, '92, to Miss Alice Malone, of Birmingham, Ala.

LANE—M'KIBBEN.

At Jackson, Ga., on November 3, 1892, Brother A. W. Lane (Kappa), graduate with second honor, and Miss Hattie McKibben were happily married. The wedding was a most brilliant one. Scores of friends had been invited, and the church, with

its vast concourse of people, laden with autumn flowers, holly and mistletoe, afforded a scene that will be memorable. "Major" Lane, as he was familiarly known, was decidedly one of the most popular men that ever answered the roll call at Mercer. Miss McKibben is a daughter of Col. Van McKibben, and is a lady of many accomplishments.

DEATH.

A prominent alumnus of Beta, Mr. Joseph B. Davis, died at Montezuma, his home, in Henrico county, Sunday, October 14, 1892. He was born in January, 1859, graduated at the V. M. I. with honors in '79, and studied law at the University of Virginia, gaining distinction in a class of unusual size. The deceased was prominent and active in Henrico politics, and in the session of '89-'90 represented that county as a Democrat in the House of Delegates, being the first one of that party elected for a number of years. He was for years proprietor of the Richmond Bazaar and Carriage Repository, and was extremely popular. Judge S. B. Wild (Eta) and Judge James C. Lamb (Lambda) were pall-bearers.

The Greek Press.

Owing to the rush of the football season or some other similar hurry the Greek publications have so far this season been rather slow in their appearance in the JOURNAL's mail; and strange to say, the ladies' magazines are tardier than all the rest. Whether this is on account of a parlor edition of football having been issued, or whether the girls have been changed from editors into nurses is a question yet to be settled; but be that as it may, something has operated to hide from the JOURNAL the smiling features of the unutterably seraphic publications.

The *Trident*, however, hit upon quite an excellent plan to secure contents, judging by the first letter in the correspondence. The editor wrote to the different chapters that the next issue of the *Trident* would be a blank book, and as the different chapters probably had enough blank books, they made an effort to supply "copy" with which to fill the pages. As a result, *Trident* presents quite a creditable October issue, although clippings and essays were utilized as fillers. The subject of the symposium is "Shooting Stars," which one must admit gives rather a wide range to the writer, although tending to lead him off into indefinite space. No subject, however, could have been more opportune, on account of the engagement of the world to go out of business by the collision route being only a few weeks off. To continue in the same line of thought, and as the earth's appointment was not kept, the JOURNAL would venture to suggest a subject for the next symposium in the *Trident*; and if the girls will not consider it too personal, that subject will be called "Broken Engagements." The JOURNAL thinks that the subject suggested would make a fitting companion piece to "Shooting Stars." It is, in fact, quite complementary; something like before and after taking. Perhaps, though, some might object to the combination and think that the first subject of the two should be "Lightning Bugs" in order to complement the second. But shooting stars and lightning bugs have often served the same purpose, and while the latter had nothing to do with the broken engagement of the earth and Biela's comet, they have, while sailing under false colors, doubtless been as fruitful a source of

unkept pledges. The JOURNAL shall, therefore, confidently await the *Trident's* account of "Broken Engagements," anticipating that therein will be recounted the various causes which have hitherto contributed to pardonable (should it be justifiable?) perjury.

The *Phi Kappa Sigma Quarterly* is the somewhat singular organ of the fraternity whose name it bears. As yet it has not attained weight enough to merit extended comment—eighteen pages for the October number. The *Quarterly* is running in original lines, and may yet prove its force and foresight.

The *College Fraternity*, the new publication, a notice of which appeared in the last JOURNAL, goes vigorously on its mission. The November issue is a Stanford number. The Stanford University is well treated—the fraternities there are properly spoken of and the whole is profusely illustrated. There is a group picture of "Fraternities at Stanford—their presidents," which presents the countenances of nine persons. None of them are really bad looking fellows, but the two on the bottom of the page "catch" the JOURNAL's eye. No names are appended to the pictures, but Greek letters indicating their organizations are under each. Those on the lower line are Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma. These are the first members of those organizations that the JOURNAL has seen, and a pan-hellenic convention is now proposed by this magazine. Some one of the Greek publications said, not long ago, in commenting upon an alleged pan-hellenic banquet at one of our educational institutions, "Pan means part," and the JOURNAL is willing for pan to mean part in this instance, and for the convention to be of those fraternities whose names begin with Kappa. Besides those members of the group who would be eligible as delegates to such a convention, there are presented by the *College Fraternity* the pictures of the presidents of Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi and Zeta Psi. The founding of Phi Delta Theta is narrated by one of the founders—Robert Morrison. While in the "electic department" are to be found an article on "The Fraternity and the College," clipped from the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi; "A By-gone Reverie," from the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*; "The Destiny of the College Graduate," from the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, which has heretofore been commented on by the JOURNAL; "Girls I Have Met," from the *Kappa Alpha*

Theta; "Western Extension," from *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, and "Columbia's Flower," rhyme, from the Theta Delta Chi *Shield*. As this is presidential year everybody is especially patriotic, and the lines will be appreciated all the more. They are:

The mountain bird of liberty,
Unfurled our country's flag on high,
And with it flew from sea to sea,
O'er hill and dale athwart the sky,
But ere the vision sank from view,
The glad earth caught the fair design
And wove in red and white and blue
Columbia's flower—the Columbine.

Now North and South, and East and West.
Behold this patriotic flower,
In hues of native glory drest,
A type of liberty and power;
Bright blossom of our native land!
Around our hearts thy colors twine,
And bind our Union, hand to hand,
Thou eagle-taloned Columbine!

There are other good things in the *College Fraternity*, and, if it is kept at its present standard, it will be a successful magazine, although financially it looks quite an undertaking.

The *Sigma Chi Quarterly* makes considerable pretensions to æsthetic effect in the November number, and, as a matter of fact, it is quite striking. It is a convention number, so larger than usual. It is in a red cover, with redder print on the cover. One might venture just here that the presumption is that no Sigma Chi is a member of the Alliance. If so, the publishers might be sued for damages; the most dignified member of the bovine species could not long withstand the taunting tone of this number of the *Quarterly*. But it is not notable merely for the cover, as the contents are large and enthusiastic; and illustrations are indulged. Full page cuts of three distinguished Chis are given—that of Reginald Fendall, recently elected to the chief office in his fraternity, of Robert Farnham and of W. W. Moore, prominent in their fraternity circles, all accompanied by befitting biographies. Convention notes, editorials, chapter letters and "personalalia"—the end.

A casual glance at the list of exchanges discovers the green *Shield*—that of Phi Kappa Psi. It comes frequently, regularly, is always green and spring-like, save in its entire absence of glad-

some mirthfulness. *The Shield* should surely change that green cover, and assume one some less indicative of the mirthful season of the year, when "the bees busy themselves flitting from flower to flower; the birds sing their most joyous notes, and all nature seems about to burst into one gladsome song of praise." That kind of thing would do very well for a magazine of a giddy sorority or for the publication of the class of '96; but for a calm, dignified and conservative journal like *The Shield*, it reminds one of "the union of May and November." Take it off—leave it off.

Once before the JOURNAL tried to influence Mr. Van Cleve of the advisability of a change of dress, but it was in vain, although at that time he was appealed to on the broad ground of hygiene. We will now see what appreciation he has for æsthetics.

The outside of *The Shield* offers such an opportunity to descant that one almost forgets the contents; but they are there, nevertheless. It is noticed that a pleasing innovation is encouraged in the October number. For September sentiments the likeness of Mr. Van Cleve, the editor of *The Shield*, was presented by order of his executive board, and for October thoughts Mr. W. C. Wilson's countenance beams upon his order. Mr. Wilson is president of Phi Kappa Psi, and the presentation of two such handsome Phi Psis in successive numbers of *The Shield* encouraged the reader to think that probably he would each month be greeted by an eminent paper; but either the good-looking men or *The Shield's* funds are running somewhat low, and the November number appears without the hoped for illustration. Now you know Phi Psi is a mighty nice fraternity of some position in the world, and may object to the intimation that its funds were inaccessible, being locked up in the national treasury, but it is hardly thought that an open acknowledgment will be made that the good-looking men have run out, so the explanation is awaited with some interest. The editor is not much of a dodger, and it can be relied on that a proper and truthful response will be made.

If a sugar broker or a wholesale grocer were to dilate upon the characteristics of the granulated sugar which he proposed to sell, his hearers would immediately "spot" him as a novice in the trade. Just so with the exchange writer and *The Shield*. Staples need no comment.

Possibly the fraternity magazine which has most heroically fought its way is *The Delta* of Sigma Nu. It began as a poor, thin, consumptive paper, suffered all the diseases known to child-

hood, and now enters man's estate with the yellow jaundice. The current *Delta* publishes convention talk, too; but there is something of more general interest than Sigma Nu convention talk within the covers, and that is a most uniquely written article on "The Pledging System." The writer is a Sigma Nu at DePauw, and he explains their system thus:

"Our pledging consists merely of this: We spike a man in the Preparatory School until he is willing to become one of us. We then make to him a proposition, if he does not change for the worse before he enters college as a freshman — we will initiate him into the Sigma Nu Fraternity; and in return he promises that, if the chapter does not degenerate before he becomes a freshman, and *if he does not discover* [*italics mine.*—Ed.] that we have, in any point or representation, failed to tell him the exact truth in regard to everything, he will, at that time, offer himself for initiation. * * * * Any fraternity which 'lifted' a pledged man would draw on it the enmity of the other fraternities here. All the pledging is verbal, not written; but all the pledged men of Beta Beta (the Sigma Nu Chapter) have also signed the following agreement: 'We stand united on the following principles:

"I. * * * * *

"II. We do not believe the fraternity should injuriously interfere with the university or religious work of the members.

"III. We do not believe the fraternity should become a political factor in the preparatory school; and it should have as little to do with college politics as is possible, with the best interests of the fraternity still being protected.

"IV. We believe the members of the fraternity should enjoy associating with each other, but we absolutely and forever oppose any clannishness and exclusiveness in favor of this fraternity as an organization and against individuals outside. Let us recognize worth equally, whether in or out of the fraternity.

"V. We are opposed to all extravagance, high initiation fees, large dues, frequent banquets or receptions, and frequent late hours consumed in fraternity work; for we consider all the foregoing things to be demoralizing and injurious, both to the organization and to the individual members in the organization.

"VI. We hereby refuse to admit to the Sigma Nu Fraternity, or to retain in it, any person who uses tobacco, profane or indecent language, or who plays cards, or who, in any particular,

violates in the college year 'the rules for specific conduct as printed in the year-books of the university.*

" 'VII. It shall be understood that only those persons shall be admitted who shall, to some degree, come up to the following standard :

" ' Good character.

" ' Good studentship.

" ' Pleasant sociability.

" ' We, the undersigned, agree to the foregoing seven articles, and will support them. Should any signer violate this agreement, he shall be considered as acting in a manner detrimental to the best interests of the fraternity.' Here follow the names of the pledged men. This sort of an agreement may seem unusually strict to some, but if they will think carefully on the conditions stated as existing here, they will see how and why Beta Beta has met with such success here."

When the above was clipped the Greek Press intended to add a remark as to what institutions, under that system, would be proper places for Sigma Nu to enter; but when it was read through the second time, nothing could be said save DePauw. Tulane, the University of the South, Vanderbilt and the University of Virginia have all been carefully considered by the writer, but he thinks that possibly even none of these institutions would quite fill the requirements, the deficiency being that their students do not yet wear wings. Sigma Nu should not become discouraged, however, as the article was prefaced with the remark that DePauw was strictly a Methodist Episcopal institution, and Millsaps has just started.

*NOTE — The Rules for Specific Conduct at present forbid using " any intoxicating liquors as a beverage; visiting places where it is sold; using tobacco in any University building; using profane language; indecency of speech or behavior; all immorality; dancing, card-playing, billiard-playing, visiting any billiard-saloon or theater."

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Where We Are Not.

IF there are Kappa Alphas who fancy that their fraternity's policy of extension in past years has been wanting in conservatism, they will perhaps be reassured and find a species of satisfaction in contemplating statistics showing how numerous are the Southern institutions which have been entered by other fraternities, but which we have disdained, or neglected, to enter. It will be seen on a study of the facts that in four Southern States we have found no institution worthy of us, though other fraternities, with no special claim to the South, have entered them all. In nearly every Southern State there are institutions at which other fraternities have chapters but which we have thought unworthy of us. Some fraternities that rank among the oldest and most respectable in the North or South have been vastly more reckless than we. They have entered and exist now at institutions to which we have been unwilling to entrust a charter. Other fraternities are represented at colleges we would not touch.

Nor are these ancient sins, which have been condoned by lapse of time. They are present facts, of the period in which fraternity wisdom is supposed to have attained its maximum. In the JOURNAL of April, 1892, is a conspectus of fraternity extension North and South from 1880 to 1891. The reflective Kappa Alpha will perhaps, after some study of it, arrive at the conclusion that while many of the other fraternities have been preaching "conservatism" in extension, we have been practicing it. We exhibit a self-restraint which they admire, but do not always imitate. As a rule we have shown the ideal fastidiousness and austerity, but they have placed their chapters freely and taken the chances of their living or dying.

Our fraternity stands the comparison well. Our policy in the past was, not to wait upon some other fraternity's better judgment, but to use our own. We have generally entered only when

the facts warranted it. The result has been a very small percentage of mortality. Omitting Beta, Theta, Rho and Tau, which perished by reason of anti-frat legislation, we find but four letters missing from our duplicated Greek alphabet. In the period from 1880 to 1891 we were subjected to many temptations, but the record shows that our virtue was usually equal to the strain put upon it.

Between 1880 and 1891 the following Southern institutions—at which we have never had chapters—were entered by the fraternities mentioned:

West Virginia University, Morgantown, by Kappa Sigma in 1883; by Phi Kappa Psi in 1890. In the collegiate department in 1889 there were 102 students.

Arkansas Industrial University, Fayetteville, by Alpha Tau Omega in 1882. The number of students in collegiate department in 1889 was 85.

Florida State Agricultural College, Lake City, by Alpha Tau Omega, and by Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1884. The students in collegiate department in 1889 numbered 55.

Mississippi University, at University, by Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1887. A number of fraternities have chapters. The students in the collegiate department in 1889 numbered 145.

In Virginia, at Emory and Henry, a chapter was placed by Delta Tau Delta in 1883; by Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1884. In the collegiate department in 1889 there were 92 students.

At Hampden-Sydney Alpha Tau Omega entered in 1890; Kappa Sigma in 1883, when there were under 90 collegiate students.

At Roanoke College there are chapters of several fraternities.

At Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia, Sigma Nu entered in 1883. There were 129 collegiates in 1889.

At Bethel College, Russellville, Ky., Sigma Nu entered in 1884, Kappa Sigma in 1880. The collegiate department had 129 students in 1889.

At Trinity College, North Carolina, Alpha Tau Omega entered in 1890. In 1889 Trinity had 111 students in the collegiate department.

Thatcher, Shreveport, La., was entered by Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1886, and by Kappa Sigma in 1888.

The North Georgia Agricultural College was entered by Sigma Nu in 1881; by Kappa Sigma in 1885. The students in collegiate department in 1889 numbered 81.

The Georgia School of Technology was entered by Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1890; by Alpha Tau Omega in 1888.

The Middle Georgia Military and Agricultural College, Milledgeville, was entered by Alpha Tau Omega in 1888, when the collegiate department numbered 178 students.

Bingham's High School was honored with a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega in 1881. The same fraternity in 1882 entered the Southeastern Presbyterian College.

Kappa Sigma entered the Cumberland College in 1880, the school at Alexandria in 1880, the East Tennessee Wesleyan in 1882 and at "Maryland Military Academy" in 1885.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon placed a chapter at Marvin in 1881, at South Kentucky College in 1885, at Buffalo Gap in 1887.

Some of these institutions are too insignificant to have obtained mention in any available catalogue of colleges. They are, however, worth enumeration as being examples of the kind of institutions some fraternities enter.

I do not object to them, of course, on the ground that they are small colleges. Small colleges, in my opinion, are the true seats of fraternity life. In large institutions, engaged in post-graduate work—such, for example, as the University of Virginia—chapters exist, but do not live as at the small college. The surroundings are not favorable. Fraternity feeling grows cold. Other interests intervene to weaken the fraternal tie. Chapter existence is maintained with difficulty and in spite of the local influences. At the very large institutions, indeed, fraternities have to modify their usages materially to exist at all.

What I object to in the list of colleges given above is their sham character in many cases. Some are but pretentious humbugs. True collegiate life and feeling may exist where there are not over fifty men in the collegiate department, proper. The true college, however small, will support a good fraternity, but the sham college, however long its roll of students, will not do so. Age, size of endowment and length of curriculum do not tell the whole story. All of these may be satisfactory, and still there may be no honest and vigorous collegiate life. The elevating influence of a true college of the liberal arts may be wanting. Statistics may help, but they should not control, in charter-granting.

Special mention may be made of Hampden-Sidney College and Roanoke College as Southern institutions of some prominence at which we have never had chapters. To this list must

be added the University of Mississippi, where many fraternities exist.

Hampden-Sydney College, Prince Edward County, Va., had in 1891-92 a total attendance of 155. In this number there were 19 classed as "irregular;" 1 post graduate; 135 in the academic department. Of the students 106 were from Virginia and the rest from fifteen other States.

The fraternities represented by chapters were nine in number, including Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi and Kappa Sigma. There were three or four Kappa Alphas in attendance, but there is no Kappa Alpha chapter.

Roanoke College, Salem, Va., had in 1891-92 a total attendance of 141, consisting of 22 Seniors, 22 Juniors, 27 Sophomores, 26 Freshmen, 24 sub-Freshmen and 20 in commercial and partial courses. The attendance from Virginia was 103, the rest came from twelve states. There is a growing endowment.

Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta and perhaps other fraternities have chapters at Roanoke College.

In a different category is the State College of Kentucky, at Lexington, which had in 1891-92 over 400 students exclusive of matriculates in the commercial department to the number of about 200. The collegiate department, proper, has this year, it is understood, over 200 male students. The college is undenominational, has a productive endowment of over \$165,000, with adequate buildings and grounds, and has the fostering care of the State to ensure its continued growth.

Austin College, at Sherman, Texas, in 1891-92 had 142 students, with eight professors. The institution (Presbyterian) was founded in 1850 at Huntsville and removed in 1876 to Sherman. It is a growing college in a growing region.

Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., a Methodist institution, opened last September with over 100 students and has now 157 students, of whom about 60 are in the collegiate department. There are four Kappa Alphas there, but no chapter of this fraternity. The endowment is \$100,000 in cash, besides valuable buildings and grounds. The college will attract students from an area which has hitherto patronized the colleges of other states.

There are other institutions that are now attracting the attention of fraternity men, but a special interest, for one reason and another, attaches to the three here mentioned. It is to be hoped

that Kappa Alphas familiar with the present condition and prospects of all the seats of learning in Arkansas, West Virginia, Florida and Mississippi, will give the readers of the JOURNAL the means of forming an opinion as to their merits.

The Virginia Military Institute, Randolph-Macon, the University of Tennessee, the University of South Carolina, the Charleston Military School and Wake Forest, N. C., are institutions in which we have special interest, as *quondam* homes of Kappa Alpha chapters. Anti-frat. laws withdraw the homes of Beta, Theta and Tau from the field of discussion.

As to Zeta, there was no good reason, in the nature of the circumstances, for its death last June. Want of enterprise in the four men then there tells the story of our loss. The prospects of Randolph-Macon are brightening. Its two preparatory schools at Liberty, Va., and Port Royal, Va., will add greatly to its attendance in the near future. It is a discredit to us that we are not represented at Randolph-Macon. Efforts are being made by Eta with the aid of an alumnus with Zeta in due time to throw our banner to the breeze there again.

The University of Tennessee has solidified materially since 1886. The collegiate attendance, including 12 sub-Freshmen, in 1891-92, was 231. In addition there were 151 students in the law, medical and dental departments. The revival of Pi has been urged recently by a number of good Kappa Alphas, and there are definite facts upon which to base an expectation that it will be revived—with better material than it ended with—during the present session.

The position of the University of South Carolina and the propriety of reviving Rho were very carefully inquired into by Mr. John Singleton, an alumnus of Rho, last September. He found that the hostile Tillmanite legislation had seriously injured the institution and cut down its attendance. It is now full of the fragments of struggling chapters, which lack material on which to live. It is Mr. Singleton's opinion that it is inexpedient at present to attempt the revival of Rho. If an opportunity presents itself in the future, under more favorable circumstances, it will be improved.

What is taught us by our study of the Southern colleges "where we are not"? Is it not that we have, upon the whole, discriminated wisely between the worthy and the unworthy, and may challenge comparison with any other fraternity in this respect? It seems clear, however, that there are a few institu-

tions—hitherto neglected by us—at which we might place chapters without loss of dignity. As a fraternity that voluntarily restricts itself to the South, we should make it a point of honor not to rest until we shall have occupied the *whole* South.

Feb. 11, 1893.

S. Z. AMMEN.

Being.

WHY? WHEREFORE? WHENCE? WHITHER? WHAT?

WALTER W. BROWN.

For him who seeks to solve the mystery
Of life and death, of joy and pain, of each
New rising hope that comes like morning's sun
To gladden all around and make life full
Of good, to be succeeded by that night
Of gloom wherein the soul doth suffer much,
And find nor peace nor rest, there opens up
A way that's trodden oft but never yet
Hath to the end been followed through.

The mind
Of man or soon or late with doubts and fears
Doth to these questions turn and seek to know
The why, the wherefore, whence, the whither, what.
Existence is at once a thing which all
Do know and yet which none can ever know.
There lies a babe in its mother's arms, an hour
Old. As she hears the feeble, plaintive cry,
Her heart doth leap with new-found joy to think
That months of weary watching, pains, and fears
Have passed away; that life of hers, which in
The balance has been placed that other life
To being might be brought, hath now been spared
To share the joy of him who thus is proud
To be a father—honor strange and new
And queer. And in the rapture of the first
Brief bliss comes naught of questioning to her
Who mother is. She seemeth satisfied,
Content. But, as the father gazes on
That scene of life and love, of mystery
Past finding out, there comes the question, WHENCE?
A week has passed. The babe's existence is
The aroma of finest herbs, filling
The house with redolent perfumes and sweets.
All in the home seemed filled with joy—the babe
Has come, and each with the other vies to do
It homage and obeisance. The little one

Seems strong and healthy, prospects of long life
 Before it. Now, in one short hour all hope
 Has fled—these prospects all are blighted. In
 The darkness of the night grim Death has come
 And stolen life away. Where once they kissed
 Those lips so soft and sweet and warm with life,
 They now must press the hard, stiff face, so cold
 And non-responsive. Dressed in long white robes,
 Prepared for sepulture, the little form
 Is brought for last sad looks of love from those
 Who gave it birth, but have no power now
 To snatch it from the clasp of Death. As thus
 The parents gaze, with agonizing looks
 And heart-strings rent asunder, comes again
 A question—this time, *WHY?*

Yes, why should life
 Be sent at all, if but to eke out an
 Existence of one week, then vanish quite
 Into the great unknown?

And now kind friends
 The little casket bear unto the grave.
 The parson, in his robes of black, the Book
 Then opes and reads. Saint Paul's philosophy,
 Of words high-sounding, meaning scant, we oft
 Have heard before. And now, through sobs and tears,
 We see the little body placed beneath
 The sod, and ask the question, *WHITHER?*

Then
 For weeks and months we see the mother grieve
 And suffer much. And, as we watch her pale,
 Sad face and wasting form, and purpose naught
 Can see, nor justice, in all this, there comes
 Another question—*WHEREFORE?*

Thus reason
 Into the mystery of human life
 Makes search; but each repeated trip adds naught
 To human ken. And so we 'gin to doubt
 That we do live—nay, doubt that we do doubt.
 Then, what is life? The echo answers *WHAT?*

A little hand is in his own, and dark
 Brown eyes upturned to meet his gaze—
 "Have faith in God and hope for better things;
 He doeth all things well."

Then why should we
 Attempt to know more of the great unknown?
 Let's love and trust, have faith and hope and thus
 Be satisfied.

Convention Topics.

IT is generally unwise for one who is not abreast the tide of opinion to express his views. I—I dislike the journalistic “we”—have not seen the two last copies of the JOURNAL, owing to a careless failure to subscribe, but am on the stool of repentance. Perhaps my text has been preached to death.

The JOURNAL of April, 1892, has an article signed by the familiar initials, S. Z. A., which shows that brother's kindly objections to the new law under which chapters are established. Being a member of the Advisory Board, I see some of its defects, but I also see, I think, that these defects are due to an ignorance caused through radical changes in the law. During the convention of 1889 the question of changing the grip was discussed and was opposed chiefly because the alumni would not easily adjust themselves to the change. The convention of 1891 acted in like manner. The same principles forcibly apply to more important changes.

I suggest the following scheme to simplify matters and yet to subserve the best interests of the fraternity! Let the fraternity field be divided into commanderies, confining them within certain State bounds. Let the officer from Virginia, for instance, receive the application for a charter to establish a chapter within his jurisdiction or wish to establish one himself. As such an officer must necessarily be a wide-awake man, he would already be posted as to the merits of such college. If he disapproves, there the matter ends; if he approves, he sends an application to the K. C. for charter together with the information required by law and such other as the K. C. may desire. The K. C.'s decision shall be final. This does not limit the K. C.'s authority, but makes him, as it were, somewhat omnipresent. Under this plan either the K. C. or the convention should select the under officers to keep harmony.

I present this immature plan for the thoughtful consideration of the fraternity. Some will call to mind the system of Knight Visitants in vogue about 1883-4, which was discarded. My suggestion does not at all resemble that system, although I think the failure of the K. V. system was due to the lack of interest

on the part of the officers selected. Such ideas I gather from my brother, Cecil H. Smith, Esq., one of the officers under that arrangement.

It is said that it is difficult to make alumni Kappa Alpha brothers take sufficient interest to hold such positions and that the active members lack time, money, and experience. There are enough exceptions to both classes, who would properly discharge these duties, if we would but seek for them in time. I once heard a preacher say that those who believe most in the efficacy of missions were those who helped most to support that cause. If we would have every alumnus member to owe—I say owe advisedly, for active members do not always pay—an annual due of one dollar or more to his chapter, that would help the chapter and him to, for every man wants to know where his money goes. Then if he could be brought to subscribe for the JOURNAL, he and it both would be helped. If I am flying too near the sun in my propositions, I fly with good intentions.

This concluded topic leads me to another often-made suggestion: that general fraternity topics be vigorously discussed in the chapter halls. Like as the nation generally knows of the measures to be brought before Congress beforehand, so Kappa Alpha should be well up on the probable business of the Convention before the summer vacation. Then if the duly elected delegate cannot be present he or the G. M. will be prepared to instruct the proxy. But I am opposed to the instruction of the delegate except as to general measures. A large number of delegates instructed as for whom they shall vote for officers might cause inharmonious action. I think chapters would be given to local ambitions rather than to general fraternity interests. I am a strict chapter rights man, provided that does not mean injury to the general interests. These are dangers, not facts, I believe. I am in favor of closer unity of the Order in fact as well as in spirit.

LEON P. SMITH, Epsilon.

The Prize Essays and the Essay Medalists.

"The giving of a gold medal for the best essay commenced in 1874." So says the catalogue of 1878, but who was the originator of this law is not on record at the present time. The law, however, must have been passed by the convention of 1873, as the convention of the following year made the first award. The minutes of these two conventions were never issued in printed form, or if they were they, with the originals, have been lost with our other early archives.

The "Constitution and Ritual" published by J. L. Hardeman in 1874 makes the first official mention of the subject that we have, Article xvii. being devoted to it. By Section 1 of that article it was allowed to each chapter to send through their C. S. to the K. C. two original essays written by active members of the chapter, these essays to compete for the medal. The manner of the selection of the essays to be forwarded was left to the chapters, but they were required to be forwarded by the first of April of each year. The expense of the medal was covered by an assessment made upon the active members and forwarded at this time. It is supposed that this assessment was only upon the members of those chapters competing, but the constitution is not clear upon this point.

The award of the medal was made as follows: At each convention the K. C. submitted to a committee all the essays forwarded to him. This committee, after taking into consideration the age of the writers, as well as the general merits of the essays, decided which was comparatively the best, and reported accordingly to the president of the convention. At the last meeting of the convention, or at the banquet, the president presented the medal to the successful competitor, if he was present; if not, then to the delegate from his chapter. The prize essay became the property of the Order (and should be among its records now), the others being returned to the writers.

The above laws are the same as those to be found in the "Constitution and Ritual" published in 1886, with the exception that, the conventions having been changed from annual to biennial, the essays were to be forwarded only every second year.

Although the competition was begun in 1874, and the medals awarded at that convention and the next, the plan of collecting funds for the purchase of the medals does not seem to have been a success, and the successful competitors do not seem to have received promptly the reward of their labors, as we find the convention of 1875 passing a resolution to appropriate the required funds for this purpose; and again, in the minutes of the convention of 1876, we find the K. C. authorized to "have two medals made for the successful essayists of 1874 and 1875." The medalists of later years seem not to have had to wait so long, in most instances the medals being delivered at the time of the award.

The convention of 1878 made some changes in regard to the matter of essays, adding two sections to Article xvii.; the first reading, "The alumni members may compete for a medal to be awarded to the best essay or poem, which contest shall be regulated by the same rules as that of active members, except that all alumni members shall pay for said medal," and the other providing for the collection of this fund. The essay fund was made to become due March 1 instead of April 1. It was decided that an essay could not "be considered as competing for a medal unless the chapter has paid the medal fund," and that the time for receiving essays be extended to the first of May. The compilers of the constitution of 1886 omitted these additions, but they are still in force, though probably unknown to most Kappa Alphas.

The K. C., in his report to this convention, suggested "that no member who has received an essay medal be allowed to compete again for a like honor," but this was voted down.

The convention of 1879 seems to have been the first and only one to receive alumni essays and award a medal for such. The committee appointed for that purpose made the award to Henry Aaron Varn, of Delta; but there is no record of his having ever received the medal, nor do we find any further mention of this competition in the papers of the Fraternity. The trouble seems to have been in the collection of funds to pay for the medal. This convention provided for that by a fixed assessment upon each alumnus, and appointed a committee to collect it, but apparently without success. This provision does not appear in the constitution of 1886. We would be glad to give the title of Brother Varn's successful essay, but there is no record of it.

At the convention of 1883, a motion was made to repeal the

article of the constitution relating to the award of these medals, but it was subsequently withdrawn. The manner of the award was, however, changed so as to allow the K. C. to submit the essays to a committee appointed before the convention, this being, presumably, to allow more time for the judgment of their merits. This convention repealed Article XVII, Section 2, and incorporated the Essay Fund in the General Fund. These changes were omitted from the constitution of 1886, with the others mentioned above, but by what authority, we do not know.

At the convention of 1889, the Committee on New Business submitted the following: "(3), *Resolved*, that the biennial award of the essay medal be discontinued, and that all portions of the constitution relating thereto be expunged," but this was afterward withdrawn.

The convention of 1891 made a further change in the medal law by providing that the essays be forwarded by the first of December of each year to the editors of the JOURNAL, the articles so written, at the discretion of the editor, to be published in the KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL, and all of them afterward to be forwarded to the convention.

And now for the names of the successful competitors and their essays.

1874. It fell to the lot of Delta Chapter to carry off the first medal in the person of Eugene Douglas Carter. We have no record of Brother Carter's subject, nor is there any trace of his essay among the Order's papers. He is now a journalist in Asheville, N. C.

1875. This year, Lundy Howard Harris, of Epsilon, was the successful competitor, his essay being "Kappa Alpha Order." As in Brother Carter's case, there seems to be no copy of this essay in possession of the Order. By the constitution, these essays become the property of the Order, and it cannot be too much regretted that they, with other valuable papers, have been lost through the neglect of some of the general officers. In the catalogues of 1878 and 1891, and in other publications, the credit of winning this medal is given to Brother W. J. Harris, of Epsilon, and we believe that this is the first public announcement of this error. We take pleasure in correcting it, believing in the old maxim of "Honor to him to whom honor is due." Brother L. H. Harris is Professor of Languages at Emory College, Oxford, Ga.

1876. Epsilon repeated her success of the former year. This year the committee awarded the medal to George L. Bell of that chapter. His subject was, "On the Principles of the Order," and although the paper itself is lost, we are fortunate in having it reproduced in print in the February (1879) JOURNAL, page 1. Bell is now teaching in Cumming, Ga.

1877. From Georgia the medals next traveled to Old Virginia, and two of her sons were the recipients of them from the hands of the committee. Mortimer A. Turner, of Eta, in his "Poetry and Poets" was acknowledged to surpass all other competitors. This essay will be found in print in the February (1879) JOURNAL, page 18, but the original has been lost. Turner was editor of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., in 1879. He was United States Consul at St. Thomas, West Indies, until a few months ago, and is now living in Arkansas (?) His address is desired by the G. H.

1878. The special committee to whom were referred the essays, beg to report that, after examining all the essays, which they find above the usual standard of such productions, they award the medal to Brother James C. Lamb (aged 24), of Lambda Chapter; his essay being on "Sidney Lanier's Poems." Such was the report of the ninth convention, and this able effort also adorns the pages of the February, 1879, JOURNAL, page 4. The original essay is lost. Lamb was one of the canvassers of the JOURNAL in 1879. He is now judge of the Chancery Court, of Richmond, Va.

1879. Delta comes to the front again this year, the Committee on Essays having "decided in favor of Brother H. C. Folk (Delta)." The title of Folk's work was, "Why Study the Classics?" This was published in the August, 1879, JOURNAL, page 53. In the next JOURNAL appeared an article from the pen of our present K. C. giving the other side of the question, and entitled, "Study the Classics." Henry Calhoun Folk is a merchant at Bamberg, Ga.

This is the year that H. A. Varn was awarded the alumni medal. Neither this essay nor the other two preceding were preserved.

1881. Edward Chambers Smith (initiate of Sigma, transposed to Upsilon), was awarded the medal this year. There is no record of the essay or title. Vol. I. of the KAPPA ALPHA MAGAZINE promised, "In the next issue, we will publish the Medal Essay of Brother E. C. Smith," but the promise was never ful-

filled. Smith was G. H. 1883-85, and vice-president of the eleventh convention. He is now a lawyer in Raleigh, N. C.

1883. William Henry Osborne, of Tau, is recorded as the medalist of this convention, but like Brother Smith, has left us no trace of essay or title. It is to be regretted that the efforts of these sons of the Old North State should not have been properly preserved. Osborne is a minister at Jonesboro, Tenn.

1885. Samuel Augustus Hobson, Phi, "The Harp of Life."

1887. Pierce Fleming Kilgo, Delta, "The Mind of Man."

1889. William Sprigg Hamilton, Lambda, "I Will Live and not Die."

1891. Henry Fletcher Harris, Epsilon, "Ralph Waldo Emerson."

These are the successful competitors for the last four years, with the titles of their essays. Hobson's essay was published in Vol. III., No. 1., page 3; Kilgo's in Vol. V., page 3; Hamilton's in Vol. VII., page 1; Harris' in Vol. IX, page 8. The second best essay (1885), of Edward M. Lockett, of Pi, was also published in Vol. III. Hobson is a lawyer in Greensboro, Ala.; Kilgo is a minister at Lancaster, S. C.; Hamilton was Associate Editor of the JOURNAL, 1889-91, and is now a student in Baltimore, Md.; Harris is a member of Epsilon, and is a brother of L. H. Harris, the medalist of 1875.

It will thus be seen that of the twelve prize essays, four, or one third, have never been published, and are not preserved in any form, while the originals of the other eight, which are the property of the Order, and which should have been preserved among its papers, have also been allowed to pass out of the proper hands.

Four medals have gone to South Carolina (including the Alumni medal), three to Georgia, three to Virginia, two to North Carolina, and one to Alabama. Delta and Epsilon tie among the chapters, having received three each, unless Brother Varn's alumni medal can be construed into giving the former the precedence. Lambda comes next with two, and Eta, Tau, Upsilon, and Phi follow with one each. The Harris family claim the remarkable honor of having carried off two, and Brother H. F. Harris, taking advantage of the law's not prohibiting a member from receiving this honor twice, has again entered the lists, and his essay, entitled, "Dante Gabriel Rossetti," is (under the new law) published in Vol. IX, page 213.

TAZEWELL TAYLOR HUBARD, *Grand Historian.*

Hiram Warner Hill.

HIRAM WARNER HILL, of Meriwether County, Ga., was born July 18, 1858, near Greenville, Ga. He is the second of nine children of Mr. A. F. Hill, a successful planter and prominent citizen of the county. His mother was the daughter of the late Hiram Warner, for many years Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, for whom the subject of this sketch was named. The boyhood days of Mr. Hill were spent on his father's farm in the employment incident to the life of a farmer's boy. Part of the time he attended the common schools of the county. In 1877 he entered Emory College, Oxford, Ga., and remained until 1879, when he left to take charge of a flourishing school near Liberty Hill, Heard County. Having determined, however, to make the law his profession, he gave up this position at the instance of his grandfather, Judge Warner, and entered the law school of Harvard University, which he attended 1880-81, and was admitted to the bar in November of the latter year. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Greenville, and has since devoted himself to it with gratifying success. Mr. Hill was a member of the State Democratic convention which nominated Hon. Alexander H. Stevens for Governor, and again when Hon. Henry D. McDaniel was nominated. In 1886 he was elected to the Lower House of the General Assembly, over several popular and worthy competitors, and is at present a member of the House of Representatives, having served in that capacity for four successive terms. He is now and was in the preceding Legislature, chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, a position considered second only to the Speakership itself. Mr. Hill takes a part in all the leading debates upon the floor of the House, and is considered an able and ready debater. In 1892 Mr. Hill was a candidate for Congress from the Fourth Georgia District, but was defeated for the Democratic nomination by the present incumbent of that office, it being a custom in the district to give a member a second term. After his defeat for the congressional nomination, his fellow citizens almost unanimously tendered him the nomination, over his protest, to again represent them in the State Legislature, which he was prevailed upon to accept, and was overwhelmingly elected over the most determined third party opposition ever had in the county. During

the presidential campaign just past, the subject of this sketch did valiant service on the stump in Georgia for Cleveland and the Democratic ticket. At the invitation of the State Central Campaign Committee he took the stump in the Tenth Congressional District in favor of the Democratic candidate, Maj. J. C. C. Black, against the great apostle of third partyism, the Hon. Thos. E. Watson, who was so ingloriously defeated at the polls in November last.

The National Democratic Campaign Committee invited this young Georgian to make a number of campaign speeches in other States of the union than his own, and but for the early assembling of the Grand Assembly of his State, of which he was a member, the invitation would have been accepted.

Mr. Hill was married Sept. 24, 1884, to Miss Lena Harris, the youngest daughter of Hon. Henry R. Harris, then a member of Congress from the Fourth Georgia District, and later third assistant Postmaster General of the United States under Mr. Cleveland. Miss Harris was a charming and accomplished lady, and now blesses and brightens the home of the young Representative from Meriwether.

Mr. Cleveland and the Greek.

[From the *Baltimore Sun*.]

THE announcement that the Sigma Chi College Fraternity has elected President Cleveland an honorary member and is devising means of initiating him, has aroused considerable interest among those connected with such societies, and has caused some scoffing among the unlearned. The ignorant and the envious may attempt to make merry over the pretensions of college societies, but they do not understand the importance of the work that is conducted under the mystic veil of the Greek letters. Some irreverent and profane jester recalls the fact that a chapter of the Sigma Chi some years ago elected the Grand Duke Alexis an honorary member, and that in return he sent them a lot of Russian books, which none of the Sigma Chis have ever been able to read, it remaining to this day a mooted question whether they are "patent office reports or popular novels." Other cavilers intimate that Mr. Cleveland knows nothing about Greek, and that when the goat, which is of strictly



Hellenic type and breeding, discovers his ignorance his indignation will overcome his respect for the presidential office, and he will show him what a Greek goat can do in the way of butting when thoroughly warmed up. Moreover, it is claimed that the situation will be very embarrassing for Mr. Cleveland, even after the goatish expounder has finished with him. He may be willing to accept the ritual in faith, and to swear to anything in Greek that may be proposed to him, but how can he possibly make his speech of acceptance without any knowledge of the classic language of Socrates, Sophocles, and the rest of that glorious family? Mr. Cleveland knows all about the tariff, and is well acquainted with Tom Reed and Bill McKinley, but it is doubtful whether he has even a bowing acquaintance with Homer, or would recognize Xenophon if he met him on the street. His practical mind inclines him to consider these gentlemen dead issues, but when he is initiated into the Sigma Chi he will not only have to profess a profound affection for and interest in them and their wives and families, but he will be forced to attempt to speak their lingo. It is well known to all who are conversant with the inner workings of college fraternities that all their members talk Greek with the ease and finish of native Athenians. Some of them, it is understood, can even give points in elegance and accuracy to the Athenian grammarians and scholars. It may, therefore, go hard with Mr. Cleveland when he is called on to thank the fraternity for the honor conferred on him and to respond to a toast on the Sigma Chi and its influence on Greek history. The slightest slip on his part will be at once detected, and detection will probably mean ignominious expulsion. It will be no use his attempting to run in any Buffalo German on his new associates, for, though Athenians, they have all had some experience with lager beer, and understand the vernacular pretty well. There are people who hint that the secrecy and mystery which surround the college fraternity are simply a cloak for good-fellowship and good dinners, and that all that Mr. Cleveland will have to do to make himself understood when initiated will be to say, "Here's look-in' at you," but this is a base slander invented by men who have never been able to get into this modern Greece. Mr. Cleveland has a hard job before him, but if he defers his speech until a late hour in the banquet his new friends may not be able to detect the difference between a dissertation on civil service and a eulogy on Demosthenes.

Frederick Towle Myers.

FREDERICK TOWLE MYERS was born in Tallahassee, Fla., July 12, 1854. He was prepared for college at the West Florida Seminary, a State institution, located in his native town. In October, 1870, he entered the freshman class of the University of Georgia, at Athens. He at once took a prominent stand in his class, which he maintained during his entire college course. In 1874 he graduated first among those taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in consequence received one of the two speakers' places awarded to that degree.

After graduation he returned to Tallahassee and began the study of law in the office of Hon. Geo. P. Raney, the present Chief Justice of Florida. In April, 1875, he was appointed Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State, and while holding that position continued his law studies. In the fall of 1876 he was admitted to the bar, and early in 1877 resigned the clerkship of the Supreme Court and began the practice of law. He was elected to the State Senate in 1890, and is still a member of that body. He is prominent in the politics of his State, and stands high in his profession.

In December, 1876, he was married to Miss Jessie DeCottes, of Jacksonville, Fla., and of this marriage a son and daughter have been born.

Catalogue Corrections.

It has been my intention for some time to publish for the benefit of all concerned such additions and corrections to the catalogue of 1891 as have been discovered in my researches of the past sixteen months. To attempt to publish them all in the JOURNAL would require too much space, and for that reason I make no attempt to supply full names that were omitted, or to give correct dates of initiation, death, etc. Many have been ascertained and entered on my books, but no reference will be made to them here. What points I touch upon here are such as I consider the most important.

Before going into this subject, let me impress it upon all that no reflection is intended to be cast either upon the catalogue of 1891 or its compiler. It is a marvel to me how under the circumstances

Brother Chick and his co-laborers could have produced as perfect a volume as they did, and no amount of praise is too great for them. Without that valuable publication I would never have been able to fulfill properly the duties of my office.

These corrections, when viewed alone, may seem very numerous, but when taken into consideration with the catalogue as a whole, they sink into insignificance. Very few of these errors are the fault of Brother Chick, nearly all of them being due to the careless way in which some of the C. H.'s fulfilled their duties.

When it is remembered that the catalogue was issued in September, 1891, it may seem a little late to be publishing these errors, and additions, but it has taken some time to verify what I now set forth here, and even at this time there is some doubt on minor points.

The first subject touched upon, and probably the most important, will be that of names omitted from the catalogue rolls. It will doubtless surprise some to see how many of these there are. The causes of their omission are various. Some few are found in the reports to the compilers, having been overlooked by them, no doubt, on account of the careless way in which many of these reports were made out. A number are the names of members who have been expelled, and who, without any authority whatever, and very wrongfully it seems to me, have been dropped from the rolls of their chapters instead of being kept there to warn other Kappa Alphas of their standing. It should be kept in mind that all the members mentioned in the following list were initiated before the close of the session of 1890-91, and with proper care should have appeared in the catalogue of '91. No reference is made here to initiations that have taken place since June, 1891.

The chapter after each name is the one from which it was omitted, and the year is that of initiation.

The names which I now add to the catalogue are :

Archinard, John J., Psi, 1891.
Beckner, Lucien Pearson, Omega, 1891.
Beckner, Seth Shackelford, Omega, 1891.
Beckwith, Exum G., Tau, —.
Bevan, T. H., Alpha, 1866.
Blayney, Thomas Lindsay, Omega, 1890.
Bolton, James W., Irregular, 1887.

- Bookhart, Henry Harrington, Nu, 1891.
Boreing, James Murray, Omega, 1889.
Brown, Henry Park, Omega, 1890.
Brown, James William, Omega, 1890.
Caldwell, Joseph E., Omega, 1889.
Carthrae, Lewis, Alpha-Eta, 1891.
Case, George D., Gamma, 1873.
Chapin, —, Omicron Prime.
Chappell, L. Henry, Gamma, 1871.
Clayton, W. Locke, Chi.
Cordill, John, Alpha-Gamma, 1888.
Crawford, Arthur Tureman, Alpha-Eta, 1891.
Crittenden, C. E., Omicron Prime.
Crockett, J. S., Alpha, 1866.
Dejarnette, Sydney Reid, Epsilon, 1890.
Dorsey, Isham Jenkins, Nu, 1888.
Drewry, M. R. (or W. R.), Omicron Prime.
Eckford, Charles C., Theta Prime.
Farber, Charles M., Gamma, 1883.
Faulkner, Charles Pierce, Beta, 1891.
Favrot, Leo Mortimer, Psi, 1890.
Field, W. H., Omicron Prime.
Fleming, Edward C., Gamma, 1886.
Foreman, Hugh Quin, Epsilon, 1890.
Fraser, Frederick Cozart, Epsilon, 1890.
Franklin, James Henry, Eta, 1888.
Gilmer, W. B., Epsilon, 1876.
Grier, William Moffatt, Mu, 1890.
Hammond, Theodore Augustus, Gamma.
Harman, C. E., Gamma.
Harding, Silas Yeager, Omega, 1889.
Henry Wallace B., Psi, 1890.
Herty, Frank James, Gamma, 1890.
Hines, Arthur Scott, Beta, 1891.
Jones, George P., Kappa, 1885.
Kennedy, Isaac Newton, Mu, 1891.
Kilpatrick, Thomas H., Kappa, 1885.
Kirk, W. B., Omicron Prime.
Kleissendorf, Roy Augustus, Omega, 1889.
Knight, C. K., Omicron Prime.
Lacy, J. A., Alpha, 1866.
Landry, Maxime, Psi, 1891.

- Lane, H. N., Kappa, 188-.
- Lawwill, William Scott, Omega, 1888.
- Love, W. G., Omicron, 188-.
- Lyon, John, Mu, 1891.
- McCloy, Wallace Emmett, Omega, 1890.
- McDill, Thomas Paul, Mu, 1890.
- McHenry, Lemuel Hardin, Omega, 1890.
- Morris, Robert W., Psi, 1891.
- Munroe, Albert Sidney, Epsilon, 1890.
- Newell, Robert Yates, Alpha-Gamma, 1887.
- Newton, Horace Greenleaf, Alpha-Gamma, 1888.
- Nicholson, G. K., Gamma, 1884.
- Norris, John Thomas, Jr., Epsilon, 1890.
- North, E. F., Omicron Prime.
- Page, Thomas Walker, Zeta, 1883.
- Parker, G. W., Epsilon, 188-.
- Person, A. P., Gamma, 1881.
- Phillips, Claudius Crawley, Omicron Prime.
- Pierce, Alfred Mann, Epsilon, 1891.
- Pressley, James Grier, Mu, 1891.
- Pressley, Leon Taylor, Mu, 1890.
- Price, W. F., Epsilon.
- Reynolds, E. Walter, Epsilon, 1877.
- Richardson, Frank Liddell, Alpha-Epsilon, 1891.
- Robin, Ernest A., Psi, 1890.
- Rowland, Robert, Gamma.
- Salter, Richard Lee, Omega, 1889.
- Salter, Richard W., Psi, 1890.
- Sanderson, Philip Norton, Zeta, 1869.
- Scaife, Paul B., Epsilon, 1890.
- Singleton, John, Rho, 1890.
- Smith, Hubert M., Epsilon, 1878.
- Smith, W. J. J., Omicron, 1886.
- Smith, W. Percy, Omicron Prime.
- Smoot, Asher, Omicron, 1886.
- Sorley, Lewis, Omicron, 1886.
- Spiller, J. R., Alpha, 1866.
- Stanard, R., Alpha, 1866.
- Staples, Shirley Bruce, Alpha-Gamma, 1887.
- Stovall, C. S., Omicron Prime.
- Tabb, William Payne, Omega, 1889.
- Thetford, William Fletcher, Alpha-Beta, 1889.

Tinsley, Charles Augustus, Omega, 1890.

Titterington, Jesse Benton, Omega, 1887.

Turner, Henry Curry, Nu, 1891.

Turner, James Hociday, Omega, 1889.

Turner, John Elmer, Omega, 1889.

Watts, Thomas, Gamma.

Weaver, T. S., Alpha.

Welch, Thomas Phillips, Omega, 1889.

Wethington, P. Fletcher, Gamma, 1870.

Wimberley, W. H., Epsilon, 1872.

Worsham, J. W., Epsilon, 1874.

Zeigler, John David, Omega, 1886.

The following names appear under one chapter in the catalogue of 1891, but are omitted from some other. The chapter first mentioned is the one from which the name is omitted; the second is the one under which it appears:

Ainslie, George, Lambda, Beta.

Alexander, Ralph W., Sigma, Mu.

Baldridge, Felix Edward, Psi, Chi.

Caspari, Richard L., Psi, Alpha-Gamma.

Clayton, A. Smith, Iota, Gamma.

Crawford, Richard Eddius, Omega, Omicron.

Harrison, Hatley Norton, Zeta, Lambda.

Henry, Robert Lee, Omicron, Xi.

Knight, Robert Edward Lee, Omicron, Xi.

Leigh, John Hamilton Patterson, Zeta, Lambda.

Lewis, Edward Lastrapes, Alpha-Gamma, Phi.

Marsh, McAllen Batts, Epsilon, Kappa.

Munson, Walter Bascom, Omicron, Xi.

McKamy, William Cooper, Omicron, Zeta.

O'Neale, Charles Livingstone, Rho, Theta.

Pickel, Frank Welborn, Rho, Iota.

Pope, Gabriel Emmett, Omicron, Xi.

Sears, William M., Alpha, Beta.

Smith, Edward Broadus, Nu, Phi.

Smith, James Sydney, Omicron Prime, Lambda.

Thompson, Robert Hamer, Rho, Delta.

From this list it will be seen that 103 entirely new names have been added to our rolls, beside 21 supplied in various chapters. This is equal to a year's initiations, and swells our number considerably. These 124 names are divided among the chapters as

follows: Alpha, 7; Beta, 2; Gamma, 12; Epsilon, 15; Zeta, 4; Eta, 1; Iota, 1; Kappa, 3; Lambda, 1; Mu, 6; Nu, 4; Omicron, 9; Rho, 4; Sigma, 1; Tau, 1; Chi, 1; Psi, 9; Omega, 21; Alpha-Beta, 1; Alpha-Gamma, 5; Alpha-Epsilon, 2; Omicron Prime, 11; Theta Prime, 1; Irregular, 1; Alpha-Eta, 2.

One of the most important facts in connection with the above lists is that it contains the names of the members of Omicron Prime, not heretofore published. I have also added one name to the roll of old Theta Prime, which died in the seventies.

Some explanation is needed in regard to the name of James W. Bolton, as he holds the peculiar position of being a Kappa Alpha without a chapter. In August, 1887, he was initiated at Alexandria, La., by some of the alumni for the purpose of establishing a chapter in Texas. This scheme, however, failed, the college not being found of proper standing and anti-frat. laws being in existence. When I began my records, I remembered the fact and entered the name upon my book. W. H. Woodson stands in somewhat a similar position as Bolton, he having been initiated by an alumni chapter in 1869.

The other corrections to be given here cannot be classified in any particular way, and will be taken up in the order in which the subjects occur in the catalogue.

GENERAL HISTORY.—After consultation with Brother Ammen, December 21, 1865, has been settled upon as the date of our organization and will in the future be reported as such. The reasons for this decision will not be given here. The roll of K. C.'s on page 31 is incorrect in the fact that John Temple Graves, and not J. S. Candler, succeeded D. R. Neal in office. Candler served only one term. On page 32, M. L. Duggan, and not H. A. Varn, should appear as president of the convention of 1878. (The writer takes the blame for this mistake, having through carelessness reported the same to Brother Keeble.)

Alpha:—Bevan, Crockett, Lacy, Stanard and Spillard are the members referred to on pages 22 and 6 as expelled December 7, 1866. Clinkscales and Rea were expelled in 1876; Sears, in 1868; and Weaver, by the "old Alpha." Hollingsworth should be marked as dead. Date of first revival was March 10, 1875, and a new charter was issued by J. L. Hardeman to J. T. Akers, T. P. Calbreath, W. F. Cosner, W. P. McCorkle and H. M. Sydenstricker. Second revival did not take place until October 26, 1885, at which time the charter was returned by Beta.

Beta:—Jerdone is improperly marked as dead.

Gamma:—Date of charter is April 8, 1868. Catalogue '75 reports A. B. Cooley as dead; catalogue '78 reports J. M. Goss and A. McKinley as dead; J. F. Tabor is reported dead under Epsilon. Charles Morris is an initiate of Gamma, and not a trans. from Lambda.

Delta:—H. H. Newton and not H. C., was charter member. Wm. Robert Harris, of Delta, is reported under Mu as the reorganizer of that chapter. No such name can be found on Delta's roll.

Epsilon:—Date of charter is June 4, 1869. There is much confusion of statements as to whether the charter members were initiates of Epsilon or trans. from Gamma. This is still to be cleared up. Idus L. Fielder, not Herbert L. Fielden, was charter member. Addison F. Barnett was expelled in 1870, E. W. Reynolds in 1878. G. B. Merritt is reported dead. Iverson L. Fielder should be Idus L.; E. W. Frederick should be J. W.; G. E. Gleaton should be G. W.; Creston Lovett should be Preston; H. Williams should be William H. E. W. Marsh is not a K. A. Is probably intended for McA. B. Marsh, who is omitted.

Zeta:—Date of charter is November 26, 1869. C. H. reports that T. Carroll and J. W. Compton are not dead. J. W. Dillard died in 1890.

Eta:—C. H. reports that A. Dudley is dead. C. Cabell, reported under Lambda as init. of Eta, is not found on roll.

Theta:—Tampet should be Tamplet. Charter was returned to K. C., October, 1890.

Iota:—All former catalogues say that date of charter is January 12, 1872. C. M. Williams is the fourth charter member. A. F. Williams was expelled in '73 or '74.

Kappa:—McAllen B. Marsh is a trans. from Epsilon, and not an init. of Kappa. Arren W. Massie should be Orren.

Lambda:—C. W. Coleman is not C. W. Coleman, of New York. That gentleman is a member of another fraternity. Finney died in 1890. H. N. Harrison and J. H. P. Leigh are trans. from Zeta, and not init. of Lambda. C. W. Helbig should be J. W. C. Cabell, reported as trans. from Eta, is not found on that roll. J. S. Smith is trans. from Omicron Prime, and not init. of Lambda.

Mu:—W. S. Castites, charter member, should be Castles. S. G., and not R. G. Mayfield, organized the chapter. W. R. Harris, reported as reorganizing the chapter, is not found on the rolls of Delta. Faculty opposition ceased fall of '85.

Nu:—C. H. reports that C. W. Hodge is dead. Proper names of Tuttle brothers are Montagué Hart and Martique Hart.

Xi:—F. C. Proctor, of Omicron, assisted in the organization of the chapter. E. W. and not E. M. Martin was charter member.

Omicron:—Date of charter is Oct. 18, 1883. A. J. Gibson, organizer, should have been one of charter members. Chapter died on account of internal dissensions session of 1886-87.

Rho:—Date of charter is Dec. 20, 1880. E. Nicholson, charter member, was not a student at S. C. College, but was a K. A.

Upsilon:—All recently published reports that Upsilon died from anti-fraternity laws are incorrect. Anti-fraternity laws at this university were repealed session of 1884-85. The chapter was killed by internal dissensions. An explanation will be given in a future article.

Phi:—C. H. reports that H. C. Hendrick is dead.

Chi:—E. W. Reynolds, who assisted in the organization of this chapter, had been expelled five years before.

C. M. Howard was transferred from Phi and not from Alpha Alpha.

Psi:—Date of reorganization is Feb. 9, 1886.

Omega:—Date of charter is Sept. 12, 1883. Charter members are W. L. Clarke, F. W. Grossman, G. A. Titterington and J. A. Williams, and not the twelve names mentioned on page 286.

Alpha-Alpha:—C. M. Howard was never a member of this chapter. W. W. VanNess has never been expelled.

Alpha-Beta:—R. Manille Davis should be Merritte. Charter members were E. D. Bondurant, W. T. Poe, L. W. Pearson and E. M. Shackelford. Coleman, Webb and Long, the organizers, should be among this number. E. D. Bondurant was illegally initiated, never having attended college.

Alpha-Eta:—B. R. Patrick, not B. P., was one of the organizers.

Theta Prime:—The charter members were J. T. Wills, A. S. Clayton, A. C. Briscoe and Zimmermann.

Mu Prime:—Established by J. W. Dickson. Charter members were J. W. Dickson, L. E. Busby, G. D. Haltwanger, C. M. (or C. W.) Moore, J. C. Watkins and J. B. Holloway. There is a great deal of doubt about date of death of chapter.

Omicron Prime:—Charter members were E. F. North, C. E. Crittenden, — Chapin, W. P. Smith and W. B. Kirk. J. S. Smith says that the chapter was alive as late as 1885.

Macon Alumni:—Chapter organized Dec. 18, 1869. Discontinued July, 1870.

Augusta Alumni:—Chapter organized 1889 for purpose of entertaining the convention. Disbanded after the convention adjourned.

It is earnestly requested that if anyone finds in the above anything which he believes to be a mistake, he will communicate with me at once upon the subject. I also hope that chapter historians who have not entered these corrections in their chapter registers will do so without delay. •

TAZEWELL TAYLOR HUBARD,
Grand Historian.

Additional:—John Andrew Stewart (Lambda) should be Joseph Andrew.

After a close and careful examination and comparison of all records on the subject, I give the following as my decision in the matter of the charter members of Epsilon. H. W. Key was initiated by Gamma Sept. 25, 1868, and J. F. Bonnell was initiated by Gamma Dec. 15, 1868, for the purpose of establishing Epsilon, although neither of them were at that time students of either the University of Georgia or of Emory College, nor did they at any time attend the University of Georgia. Their names should, however, appear upon Gamma's roll as initiates who were afterward transferred to Epsilon. Bonnell and Key (and not Bonnell and Fielder) were the transferred Gammas who organized Epsilon. The names of S. W. Corbett and C. E. Dowman should *not* appear on the rolls of Gamma as they never attended the University of Georgia and were initiated at Oxford. The names of I. L. Fielder and M. T. Singleton should remain on Gamma's roll as transfers from Epsilon, and *not as initiates*. They were students at Emory at the time of their initiation, but afterwards entered the University of Georgia, and were transferred. The case of W. F. Lewis, entered as an initiate of both Gamma and Epsilon, has not as yet been satisfactorily cleared up. The C. H.'s of Gamma and Epsilon will please change their chapter registers to suit the above statement of facts. T. T. H

Pratville, Alabama Alumni.

A LETTER.

182 ST. CHARLES STREET,
NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
February 5, 1893.

I have been thinking for sometime of writing to you in reference to a publication made in our JOURNAL sometime ago by our present K. C. The facts are as follows, and if you have the space please publish:

In last April or June's JOURNAL, mentioning a number of towns where alumni chapters should be established, Brother Ammen included Prattville, Ala. At a meeting of the alumni late in September, it was ascertained that there were nine Kappa Alphas in the city: Brothers D. H. and T. S. Smith, W. S. and M. P. Northington, R. M. Davis, G. S. Livingston, Walter Young, Robert Shores, and the writer. Of these it was learned that Brothers D. H. Smith and M. P. Northington would re-enter the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, in October; that Brother W. S. Northington would move to Birmingham to engage in business; that Brother Young would drum for an Atlanta house; that Brother T. S. Smith would farm; that Brother Davis and the writer would enter the Medical Department of Tulane University, New Orleans, thereby leaving only Brothers Livingston and Shores in the city. (Brother Shores has recently removed to Plantersville.) Since that time, it is true, we have been reinforced by two initiates at the University of Alabama: Brothers Henry Pratt and Allen Northington. They, however, will be with us for only a few months, during the summer of each year, for four years. After some very enthusiastic remarks and encouraging words, the meeting adjourned, having decided that it was altogether unadvisable to take any steps toward establishing an alumni chapter at that time. We make these statements, though rather late, that the Order may not think we have grown cold and indifferent. Let Brother Ammen be assured that, so soon as an opportunity offers, our town will have an alumni chapter, and that this chapter will be as enthusiastic as any in the Order. With best wishes.

Yours, in Kappa Alpha.

D. L. WILKINSON.

John Leslie Hibbard.

THE principles that make severe the loss of a man to the world make severe the loss of a man to this fraternity. We measure our loss by the temper of the man, by his ability to be useful, and the application of these abilities to the promotion of the welfare of our Order. In measuring loss, not only should be considered what good the man was now doing, and could do, but also what reasonably could be expected of him in the days yet not dawning.

With such a standard, it can be truly said that in the death of John Leslie Hibbard the Kappa Alpha Fraternity has sustained a grievous loss.

It is not my habit to question the reasons that lead to action in those things which are directed by the Infinite. It is sufficient to me that the action has been taken. My faith is stronger than my mind, and I believe that such things should be received with resignation, though they are big with sorrow. I, therefore, need not say that in this loss the fraternity should still recognize the wisdom of God; but to say that in the death of our *frater*, all who knew him feel a genuine sorrow.

High-sounding compliments do not lie well in the mouth of a friend, but simple commendation of well-doing does; for such is the inspiration to better effort and the just reward of meritorious action. When the friend is dead, and the shadow of eternity gives solemnity to occasion, fulsome and false eulogies are out of place; they grate on the ear as mockeries; but, then, a just tribute to virtue is fitting, and the simple truth is not only justifiable, but is due to him who has departed. I desire to pay tribute to him who has broken the chains of mortality and has entered into the great freedom of eternity.

While my acquaintance with John Hibbard was chiefly through correspondence, yet I had the pleasure of meeting him at the Birmingham convention.

From such acquaintance John Leslie Hibbard appeared to possess clear ideas, which became firm convictions. His purpose was earnest and straightforward; his nature was manly and open. There were few active members of the fraternity so well

acquainted with the general affairs. Few thought as well upon its plans, policies and principles, and few fashioned their thoughts in as clear expressions. These expressions bore the stamp of reflection and carried weight with them. He was of an ardent nature, and his nature was ransacked to promote the interest of his Order. When it is remembered that John Hibbard was not yet nineteen years of age, when the progress he had made in the past year is considered, and when his temperament is taken into account, it is not unreasonable to suppose that, had he lived, he would have been a strong support to the fraternity in years to come. In his chapter he was pre-eminent for his diligence and foresight; in his college career he gained honors that reflected honor upon that chapter.

He lived well and will be long remembered. His death left a gap that will be hard to fill.

This is the tribute I pay him. This is why I regret his early death. This is why we all regret it.

The man who does his duty lives well, whether he die in the second decade of his life, or see the golden light of the sunset of a century!

JOHN BELL KEEBLE.

The Alumni In Atlanta.

THE annual banquet and reunion of the Kappa Alphas, of Atlanta, given at the new Hotel Aragon on the evening of December 30, 1892, was a brilliant success. From 8.30 P.M., until midnight, the fraternity men held possession of the elegant parlors and dining room, feasting and toasting in abundance and with eloquence. The banquet was a most royal one, and the old veterans at the festal board pronounced the menu perfect. Ernest C. Kontz, who is president of the Alumni Association, was *rex convivii* and officiated with grace and eloquence. The speakers appointed for the toasts were Clifford L. Anderson, J. H. Lumpkin, John S. Candler, Hon. Clark Howell, Burton Smith, Thad E. Horton, and Dr. William Perrin Nicholson. Others followed with bright, informal speeches. Besides those above mentioned, there were present: A. F. Cooledge, Prof. M. Luther Brittain, Charles Z. Blalock, John S. Parks, George Stevens, Dr. J. P. Kennedy, Dr. Vassar Wooley, W. J. Campbell, Robert Foreman, J. L. Renfroe, J. T. Holleman, Prof. Enler B. Smith, and others.

The officers of the Alumni Association of Atlanta are: President, Ernest C. Kontz; vice-president, Clifford L. Anderson; secretary-treasurer, Prof. M. L. Brittain. Executive Committee: the officers, ex-officio, Ben J. Conyers, Thad E. Horton, Charles Z. Blalock, and Hunter P. Cooper.

Among the many bright responses to the toasts proposed at the banquet, none was more thoroughly entertaining than that spoken by Mr. J. H. Lumpkin, on the "Fair Sex."

"It is somewhat anomalous," said Mr. Lumpkin, "that I should have been selected to respond to the toast, 'The Fair Sex.' I—who during so many years of life have remained a bachelor, not having successfully addressed a single individual of that sex—am now expected to address myself to the entire subject within the limit of five minutes. It is true that sometimes an invocation addressed to a member of the sex may be brief. I remember hearing, some years since, of a party of gentlemen—most of them married—who had 'made a night of it' in New York and as they approached their slumbering homes, each began to frame excuses for arriving at 3 o'clock in the morning. Next day several of them met and fell to recounting the various excuses they had made to their wives. At last it came to the turn of 'Billie' Gravers, the stammering wag, and on being asked, 'What did you say, Billie?' he turned his head on one side, and in that inimitable way of his, stuttered out—"I s-s-said 'g-good morning, my dear,' she s-said the r-rest."

"We cannot do without the fair sex. They come high, but we must have them. It has long ago been said 'that if all the women were lost to the world, what remained would be a mere stagnation.'

"No part of life is thoroughly complete without them. Even here at the festal board we may stop in the midst of our masculine merriment to drink a toast to them and, pushing aside a little the curtains that obscure the past, we may remember how the warp of all our lives has been tinted by their influence, and how all our better selves have been nurtured by their presence.

"How they throng our memories! Sweethearts of our boyhood—rose-lipped, dimpled little maids, whose cheeks made the apple blossoms droop with envy, and whose smiles sent an electric current coursing along our vertebræ, which even Mr. Edison can never hope to equal.

"Sweethearts of our youth whose flashing eyes lit up all the future with hope, even as the earliest sunbeam of morning awak-

ening the dewdrop with a kiss, leaves in its bosom a perfect rainbow of beauty and of promise. And there are wives of sturdier manhood, who believe in you (or pretend to) through all your subterfuges, who cheer you on to success, and sympathize with you in every sorrow, and sit up at night for belated club banqueters. But, peering back through the vista of years, another form comes before the eyes of the memory, a form bent, it may be, with age, a face wrinkled with time and care, and tresses silvered with gray; and yet our heart's noblest purposes and best memories cluster around that form—mother! Thy gray hairs are a crown of glory; thy trembling figure, bent in toiling for us, is far more beauteous than sculptured marble, and thy wrinkled brow, scarred with the anxious care and trials thou hast borne for us, is more lovely in our eyes than monumental alabaster. Aye, even here, where the song and jest pass with the wine around, we may pause for a moment, and, gazing tenderly back across the waste of years to the time when you and I drew the inspiration of our best and noblest thoughts, as we knelt at our mother's knees—for their dear sakes we may drink with hearty good will to the sex they honored.

“God bless the fair sex,
We drink to them all.”

When Shall the Conventions Meet?

BY the terms of the constitution, the power of calling the biennial conventions is vested in the K. C., with directions that they be called at such time and place as will be most convenient to the majority of the chapters.

The matter of the *time* of such meeting seems to the writer to be of as much, if not of greater importance, than the *place*. An examination of the subject shows the former conventions of our Order to have been held as follows:

- 1870. Richmond, Va., July 11-13.
- 1871. Macon, Ga.
- 1872. Spartanburg, S. C.
- 1873. Athens, Ga., July 30.
- 1874. Ashland, Va., June.
- 1875. Oxford, Ga., July 21-22.
- 1876. Richmond, Va., June 29-30.

- 1877. Athens, Ga., July 26-28.
- 1878. Macon, Ga., July 5-6.
- 1879. Spartanburg, S. C., June 18-20.
- 1881. Atlanta, Ga., July 26-27.
- 1883. Richmond, Va., June 12-13.
- 1885. Nashville, Tenn., October 1-3.
- 1887. Columbia, S. C., September 20-22.
- 1889. Augusta, Ga., September 11-13.
- 1891. Birmingham, Ala., September 16-18.

Thus it will be seen that our earlier members and their successors, until and including the twelfth convention, seemed to find the months of June and July most fitted for such occasions. When the thirteenth convention met with Chi Chapter, in Nashville, in 1885, the time of meeting, for some reason not known to the writer, was first changed to the fall months. In my opinion, this was not a wise change, the months selected by our earlier members, for many reasons, seeming to me far preferable.

It is my desire to set forth here some of my reasons for advocating a return to the old custom, hoping that they will receive the endorsement of the active members, upon whose wishes depends to a great extent the decision of the K. C.

In order that a convention may be a successful one there must be well informed delegates, and a full attendance of them.

First of all, inquiry will show that the majority of the colleges and universities, at which are located our chapters, close either by or during the last week in June, thus leaving our members free to attend the convention without loss of time from their studies. Whereas, by the latter part of September or first of October, these same schools have all begun work for the year, making absence at that time a serious injury to the prospects of our members, and in many cases impossible by the refusal of parents or the prohibition of the college authorities. There would be fewer excuses for absence filed by chapters in June than in September.

Next we will look at the matter of selecting delegates. The chapters would naturally select as their representatives members well up in Kappa Alpha work—those who know what is needed and how to accomplish it. What is more likely than that these should come from the older (in years of membership) brothers? Suppose the choice to fall upon a member of the graduating class. In June, fresh from his college course, he is

still in touch with his chapter, has not lost the enthusiasm of the active member (which, sad to relate, so soon dies out in many of the alumni), and is prepared to act as an active member. By September he has put his hand to the plow, begun his life's work, and can ill-afford at that most important time, when a good start is of such great importance, to give up a week to the convention.

Or let the delegates be taken from the lower classes, men who have not completed their college course. In June, fresh from the restraints of college and with the prospect of vacation before them, they are ever ready and anxious to take a trip to some busy city, there to meet the delegates from our various States. In September, if college has opened, they are restrained from attending for the reasons above mentioned; or, if college has not yet opened, the prospect of their nine months' work so close upon them makes them loath to give up the pleasures and ease of home until the last minute. Which of us has not put off more important things and succumbed to the charms of the "summer girl," picnics, dances and other pleasures? Again, some of such delegates may find themselves unable to return to college, and by September may be deep in business and prevented from attending under the same circumstances as the graduate delegate. In all such cases, the chapters would probably be unrepresented, as it would be too late to select another delegate.

In June, the delegate is fresh from his chapter's hall, and familiar with the desires of its members, knows their views on the more important questions to be brought before the convention. By September, the two months or more of vacation, with the pleasures and amusements incident thereto, have more than likely driven many of these out of his head.

It is more convenient to take in the convention on one's way home than it is on one's return to college. At most of the colleges, at Commencement time, there are always (such was the case in my time) agents of the various railway companies offering special inducements in the way of stop-overs at the cities and places of interest to persuade students to return home by their routes. This necessarily makes cheaper rates for the delegates. Besides, the ordinary summer excursion rates on most lines are withdrawn by the last of September or first of October.

Some consideration should also be had for the chapters in the State where the convention is to be held and who are to enter-

tain it. Much better arrangements can be made and carried out by them before they separate for the summer than can be made after they are scattered all over the country, and when there is a possibility of some of them not returning.

If the convention meets in June, the new officers can familiarize themselves with their duties during the summer, and can proceed at once to fulfill them as soon as each college opens. There will be no delay on the part of chapters in getting the addresses of the general officers. The G. P. will be ready to collect his first month's dues, and the chapters will have no excuse for not knowing where to send them, or any other official communication. The editor will have time to solicit contributions for the JOURNAL, assign departments to his assistants, and be prepared to publish the first number on time.

The convention minutes and other publications authorized by the convention (a revised constitution probably at the coming convention) will be printed and ready for distribution by the time college opens, thus enabling the chapters to begin work properly and to make all required changes at the first of the session. If any new chapters are authorized to be established by the convention, they can be chartered at the beginning of the session before the other fraternities have taken their pick of the men.

"Them's my sentiments" on the subject. I doubt not that reasons can be advanced against June as a month of meeting and in favor of September or October, but I give my vote in favor of the former. I therefore move that June be adopted as the time at which our conventions be called, and that the next one be set for either the 21st or 28th of June, 1893, at Richmond, Va.

The Safe.

In the December JOURNAL was issued a call for contributions for the purchase of a safe for the preservation of the books, papers and records of the order. The great necessity for owning this article was clearly shown, and it was hoped that the chapters and alumni would promptly respond to the call, but such has not been the case. But few contributions have been received save those secured by personal solicitation.

It was the intention of the G. H. to continue such calls upon the chapters and alumni until the necessary amount was obtained before purchasing. Circumstances have, however, caused a

change in this plan. An opportunity having been offered for the purchase of a new safe at a public sale, the chance was accepted, the G. H. assuming the debt and becoming personally responsible for the payment of the same.

It is now incumbent upon the members of the order to do their part in paying off this debt. At the time of writing (February 1st), not one chapter has contributed anything, though five have promised to do so. The letters received from the contributing alumni have been of the most encouraging nature, and the G. H. desires to express to them through the columns of the JOURNAL, his thanks and those of the order.

The interior measurements of the order's safe are 20x30.5x18 inches, but most of this space is already filled up with the large record books, bound volumes of the JOURNAL, etc.

The contributors to the safe fund are :—J. S. Chick, C. Wortham, F. M. Stafford, J. L. Stern, S. Z. Ammen, J. C. Lamb, W. W. Brown, A. Benners, J. L. Hardeman, H. A. Royster, J. E. Wiloughby, C. L. Felt, S. Cutchins, E. F. Howard, H. C. Folk.

TAZEWELL TAYLOR HUBARD,
Grand Historian.

The Monomaniac.

I am a monomaniac;
That's what the doctors say.
I think and talk irrational,
Of one thing, every day.
In all respects I'm reasonable,
Except on that one point;
But when that point is sprung on me,
My mind is out of joint.
'Tis not a horrid mania,
That has its grip on me;
As sweet a lunacy, I trow,
I never dreamed could be.
There springs before my eyes alway,
A vision wondrous fair;
A woman robed in purity,
And crowned with waving hair.
E'en now her eyes are deepest blue;
E'en now her eyes are brown;
But blue or brown, it matters not,
She's the fairest fair in town.

To-day, she tall and stately is,
To-morrow, maybe, small,
Yet in that tenement abides
The dearest soul of all.

A Catholic I am, in this,
If not in worshiping,
My heart, at least, can quick embrace
The whole sex feminine.

My heart is restless, on the wing,
Nor can endure long flight ;
Its pinions were not made to soar ;
Full soon it must alight.

So, then, when driven from its rest,
It goes, on eager wing,
To branches where, in peace, it can
Pour forth its carolling.

Inconstancy and fickleness,
My soul is far above.
'Tis only this :—It doth demand
An object for its love.

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Go forth my heart and find a place,
Where thou canst long abide,
In constancy and happiness
Beside a plighted bride.

February 14, 1893.

In Memoriam.

HALL OF ALPHA BETA CHAPTER, }
KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY. }

Since it has pleased the will of Almighty God to bereave us of our dearly beloved friend and brother, John Leslie Hibbard ; and,

WHEREAS, He being the pride of our chapter, its brightest ornament and staunchest support, it is our sad duty to pay this last tribute of love and respect to him so sacredly bound to us ; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That whilst humbly bowing to the Omnipotent who gave him to us, each individual feels bereaved of an elder brother and guide, and we realize that our chapter has suffered a loss which can never be repaired.

2. That we extend our deepest sympathies to his grief-stricken parents.

3. That for sixty days we wear the regular badge of mourning in token of his sacred memory.

4. That copies of these resolutions be sent to his family ; that they be entered upon the records of our chapter, and be published in the KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL.

B. GRAVES,
W. S. KELLER,
D. H. SMITH,
Committee.

HALL of UPSILON CHAPTER, }
KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY, October 3, 1892, }

Inasmuch as God, the Creator and giver of all things, has seen fit to send the angel of Death into the Kappa Alpha ranks and remove to another world our friend and brother, Pierre B. Cox ; and

WHEREAS, We knew him to be a faithful friend and true brother to every Kappa Alpha ; be it therefore

Resolved 1. That while we bow in humble submission to him who does all things well, we deeply lament the loss of one whose character and qualifications eminently fitted him for a high station in life.

2. That in his death Upsilon loses an active alumnus and a man who was an honor to his Order and his chapter.

3. That our deepest sympathy be extended to his bereaved family and heart-broken widow, and in testimony of our love for him and respect for his memory we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, and to the KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL for publication, and that they be inscribed on a page in our record book.

W. A. DEVIN,

W. R. ROBERTSON,

Committee.

CHAPTER HALL OF KAPPA ALPHA }
FRATERNITY, LAMBDA CHAPTER, January 8, 1893. }

WHEREAS, it has pleased God in his infinite wisdom to take to himself our friend and brother, James McCall Rotan; we, the members of Lambda Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, in token of our remembrance and love, do hereby

Resolve, 1. That in his death we have lost an esteemed friend and brother, one who endeared himself to us all in the session spent at this university.

2. That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family and friends, assuring them that we share in their sorrow and grief at his loss.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, a copy published in the KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL, and a copy entered on the record book of our Fraternity.

HUGH F. PARRISH, *Chairman.*

GEORGE AINSLIE,

A. C. CARSON,

E. E. STONE,

CHARLES HALL DAVIS,

Committee.

To Sidney Lanier.

(After reading his Fourth March hymn, Clover and a beautiful sonnet.]

Dear Lover of God's world, whose ear hath caught
 Each lisp of bud and leaflet, and whose eye
 The loves of interlacing boughs could spy,
 And rob the mingling waters of their thought,
 Nature hath not in vain her secrets taught.
 She, who like maid in love, with others shy,
 Shrank not from thee, but gave thee sigh for sigh,
 Well hast thou these in brodered verses wrought.

And as thy rosaries of quaint words we tell,
 Sweet seraph memories swing their censers all,
 And dreamful incense wraps the field of gain,
 Till far off chantings reach us in our cell
 And of present discord and, like troubled Saul,
 Wean us from pains of earth by godlier pain.

NORMAN DE LAGUTREY.

Chapter Weakness.

[From the *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*]

WHAT constitutes a weak chapter is a question not so easy to answer as would at first seem apparent. The answer involves an inquiry first as to what a strong and successful chapter should be. Numbers and victories over rivals are not the essential qualifications of strength. Usually they are indices, but never anything more. Often they are not even that. Successful campaigns may mark the work of a chapter in which there is complete perversion of the aims of fraternity, and on such perverted foundation it may erect its history, a monument to the error of it ways.

Every fraternity claims a right to exist, and if so it has a work to do, a mission to fulfill. The Greek letter fraternity claims a legitimate place in college life, and almost everywhere that claim is freely recognized by college governments. It is a healthy social factor in student life, giving a stimulus to the social qualities of the student, and bringing him into contact with men

from all grades of the curriculum. It supplies to him the home life that would otherwise be lost to the student who takes up the college work away from his own home. It gives his social circle a name, whose character he is to defend, and whose worth he must exemplify before the college world. It gives him a tie that will bind him to his *alma mater* long after he ceases to be familiar with the faces of those who throng the college halls. It puts him in touch with young men beyond his own college—men of the same qualities and ambitions as himself. Though raised under different surroundings and familiar with other traditions, he is made to see that they are working out out a destiny parallel to his own, and that by united concert each can rise higher along the paths they would go. The fraternal ties of college life will mature into the fraternal ties of national life before the generation passes away. In short, the fraternity aims to make a man better for being in it. It is a good thing for the college, a good thing for the nation.

A chapter is an established branch for carrying out the aims and policy of its fraternity. It has no aims or purposes at variance with those of its Order. It can initiate men, not into itself, but into the fraternity of which it is a branch. It is a part of the fraternity, and whenever it treats the relations between itself and its Order as of little moment, and it attempts to introduce features and to follow aims not contemplated in those of the general Order, you can depend upon it the chapter is treading on dangerous ground.

Depleted numbers is usually considered as a conspicuous sign of weakness, and when, on the opening of a college year, one or more of the old chapters return but a mere remnant of their former membership, rival chapters spread the gratuitous report that chapter so and so is "very weak," "has only ?? members," etc., etc. And, alas, the accusation is sometimes just, but not on the ground of numbers. Such a time is a test in the life of a chapter. If the members conclude that because of their fewness that there is less responsibility upon their shoulders; that the privileges of membership in their general fraternity are less worthy; that they have less to offer to a candidate for membership; or in an endeavor to regain numbers, let down the bars of admission to those men easiest secured for the asking, then indeed is there weakness. But that chapter which in the face of the temporary misfortune holds to its record, the character of its past membership, to the principles and loyalty of its fraternity,

and uses all the energies at its command to exemplify the teachings of fraternity life, such a chapter is strong, even if it takes a college generation to regain its wonted numbers. And were the truth known, membership in such a chapter is as much a jewel to be prized, if the above is held to, as in the most prosperous chapter of the same fraternity. Prosperity exists and flourishes without hardships, but real strength is shown at its best when prosperity is brought up out of the sloughs of temporary misfortune. There is not a fraternity but what has chapters to which it can proudly point in evidence of the truth of this. The record of a chapter that has risen above such obstacles, and the names of the men who stood by the work in the darkest hours, are prized among the best of the trophies of the Order.

Weakness is inherent in that chapter whose members lack those attributes for the cultivation of which fraternities have been founded. How can a chapter exemplify the social power of a fraternity if its members are minus the social graces? How can it prove itself valuable as an intellectual factor in student life if its members are below their fellow-students in scholastic attainments? How can it have a refining influence unless its members as individuals are characterized by virtues which make them esteemed by the best persons with whom they come in contact? Yes, if these are lacking there is weakness. No varnishing can cover it, and the name and badge of the proudest fraternity cannot atone it. No emergency can arise in the life of a chapter that will justify it in receiving into membership any man, save of such character as contemplated in the bond or foundation principle of its fraternity. If it were otherwise, the Order at large would prefer to see inactivity in such a chapter rather than its continuance.

We hold, then, that depleted numbers is not an inherent sign of weakness in a chapter. It may be the mark of a temporary misfortune. But if the chapter has been in touch with its fraternity at large, is informed on its history, and is careful in its observance of the ritual, that chapter can arise from its misfortune with its name and standing unshaken. But let the misfortune of depleted numbers fall on a chapter that has been haphazard in the work of its prosperous days, that has not been in touch with its fraternity at large, knows little of its history, has considered the close observance of ritualistic matters as of little moment, ten to one that chapter will lower its standard to ob-

tain members, or, on the other hand, will conclude that there is not much in fraternity life anyhow, and quickly cease to exist.

The limits of fraternal regard should not be drawn at the door of a chapter. They go to the remotest bounds of the fraternity, and make a member a brother wherever he is. A chapter whose members are animated by such a spirit of fraternity is fortunate indeed, and though the clouds may at times obscure, its face will ever be toward prosperity.

College Honors.

THAT large majority—the fellows who deserved it, but didn't get it—will agree with me that the word "honors," in its college acceptation, is exceedingly inaccurately used. Perhaps the word is elsewhere used with the same looseness. But among moralists the distinctions between the fruits of our efforts, so far as the world regards them, are well settled. The world's mere whim creates the bauble reputation; fortune casts the deciding vote which makes the successful; but honor is the aroma of worth, like the sweetness of the rose, not conferred on it, but of it. Luck alone is responsible for reputation; luck and merit for success, but honor scorns the fates. Everybody has discovered that reputation, merely, is not worth a sincere man's while; honor is too quiet for most of us, but success, combining merit and the recognition of it, is the dearest hope which a mortal can have.

Unfortunately, justice is an abstraction. Except as an ideal, it is not one of the useful things of life. It is not at our bidding that it is so—it was so before we came—and our taking thought does not seem to be able to alter the situation. As long as it is so success, and nothing else, is the practical concern of the ambitious. All mean by college honors college successes.

" 'Tis not in mortals to command success,
But we'll do more, Sempronius, we'll deserve it."

These famous sentences are in part of doubtful truth; it is certain that there is no comfort in them.

The million are the arbiters of glory. Efforts to set up other standards than their opinion are futile. We would that honor were always to whom honor is due. But as there are no means of certainly telling where the debt lies we adopt a makeshift, and

submit the rival claims to the verdict of the jury. We come nearer to justice in this way than in any other.

Success is, like action and possession, an ultimate and unique fact, about which words are wasted, and for which substitutes are impossible. All Hamlet's soliloquies did not kill the king, and Poe's passionate longings could not bring back Lenore.

The expression, "When you go out into the world," is heard so often at college that one might suppose that students suffer a sort of civil death, like the monks of old. College life is indeed but play life. The existence of the student would be colorless were it not for the introduction of fictions into his little world. College labors and rewards, ambitions and intrigues, are hardly more real than the plots of the players or the doings of the people of an author's brain. They leave no visible mark on us or on our affairs. The absence of connection between this scholarly retirement and the world's wealth, the only universally recognized standard of reality, warrants the statement. If a man neglects his lessons he is demerited; if he slights his business he loses his place or his patronage. The greatest of these fictions is "honors." The objects of man's desires are infinite; they are all emblemized at school by medals, or by a bow from the chairman of the committee as he pronounces the portentous words, "We award our decision to the affirmative" (generally after an age of excruciating egotism).

Class standing is, I believe, becoming less and less regarded. Our grandfathers all graduated at the head of their classes. But in many colleges marking, except for trivial purposes, is abandoned, so that it is impossible to say who among the Seniors on the rostrum is foremost. This is as it should be. Faculties frown on it as heresy, yet it is well established that men of talent are rarely close students of text-books and *vice versa*. It stands to reason originality and a belief that the world hasn't yet too much light, are absolutely essential to any great usefulness. The less a man of power knows of other people's ideas the more likely is the world to hear something new from him. The effort to stand well in his class is commendable in a student, since to do our duty, to devote our entire energies to the business in hand, is the hardest and the most useful lesson in life to learn. But to mark the man who makes tens as the strongest image of his Maker in a school is an effort to set up an arbitrary standard of judgment, which must fail. Better let the mob guess. High class standing is strictly speaking honorable. But since *life's*

prizes are not free for all, since one must enter a race before he can run it, we are more interested in those college achievements which require tact, primarily, for their accomplishment than we are in those which are merely dependent on faithfulness. This apparently thin theory is supported by the fact that the man of Latin and mathematics, exclusively, is only fit to be a school teacher, while the fellow who has learned to be popular, who has kept up with the world in the magazines and been foremost in the societies, and at the same time only moderately wearied his soul with much study is open to anything from the presidency of a big corporation down to the editorship of a country newspaper.

Among that crowd of shapeless masses of juvenility, known as the Freshman class, which assembles at our colleges every year, who shall develop into honor-men, is a question of monumental importance to fraternities, as well as a pleasant subject for speculation to the student of human nature. Each boy is full of possibilities. His manners, the way he recites, any bits of personal history which can be gathered, and above all his maiden speech in the literary society, are all eagerly scanned as indices to his probable career. But while good reports in these particulars indemnify a fraternity, they are very far from indicating what "round on the ladder of college fame" the subject will reach. Whether he will ever attain any great altitude on this metaphorically most useful of structures only time, which develops those instincts which pull a man out of mediocrity and the changing chances of the coming years, can tell. Personal magnetism and the instinct to lead thrust a man forward. Neither of these are manifest in a mere boy.

The surprise of the parents of John Henry must be considerable when they receive one of those magnificent compositions of Wright or Dreka, setting forth that their offspring is to maintain the negative of the proposition that the labor problem is more potent to overthrow our democratic institutions than immigration. Hardly more than a year ago he was indifferent to everything in the newspaper, except the column devoted to crimes and casualties and the baseball reports. While he has not altogether put away childish things in the interval, he has begun to feel the impulses of a man.

Having honors more or less thrust upon him has been the revelation of undreamed of strength to many a man. The budding mind of fourteen is too much enveloped in mystery and too much crushed by the immensity of life to dream of ever attaining the manifold perfections and the wisdom of the orators and

debaters; it doesn't realize that they do not know whether or not nine-tenths of what they positively assert is true, and that they are not sure that they mean an even larger proportion of what they say. This budding mind doesn't yet know that it is everybody's privilege to divide the world as they please, and that it is very hard to disprove their analysis. The reason that talking politics is so tedious to the listener is because it is all prognostication and theory, at which, if we would admit it, one man is as good as another. Hence the sanctity of the Seniors, I say. The youth who feels the infinity of life does not dream that he can ever reach such a state of absolutism and omniscience. But if a little good luck causes him to be pushed forward, and if there is the responsive chord in his heart he, too, begins to feel his mission to be emperor.

The college politician is a character with whom we are all familiar, and college politics is a subject about which we hear a great deal of windy sentiment. A striking characteristic of students is their guilelessness. It is certain that some of them have in them the germs of knavery; for a fair proportion of the sharks and parasites that we run across "when we have gone out into the world" are fellows that we knew at school. But in the halls of *alma mater* truth and holiness are the ideals we are accustomed to hear proclaimed. In such an element as this a man of genuine ability and of unimpeachable dignity has nothing to fear from the schemer. The complaints come from those of a little more talent in some respects (and a little less in others) than the artful and successful designer. It is a striking feature of this state of probation in which we dwell that we do not get our deserts. *At best, we have to scramble for them.* The world is full of villains and pretenders, whose machinations and shams it is as necessary to defeat and reveal in order to win our prizes, as it is to deserve the rewards themselves. It would be surprising if it were different at college; moreover, it would be undesirable, because it would be bad schooling. There is no such thing as deserving success and not getting it; the only proof that it is deserved is the fact that it is bestowed. The man who prefers to make a speech which will not win the decision because it will not be understood by the committee, but will be lauded by an esoteric few, and the man who "wraps himself in the solitude of his own originality" and sneers at the vulgar mob which do not appreciate him—and hence is not elected debater—both make mistakes. A lecturer who recognizes the brotherhood of mankind, and who expounds a few truths simply, deserves, and

hence commands, success rather than a profound thinker, who talks over the heads of his audience, and who, possibly, utters no more truth than his humble rival. By all of which I mean to illustrate that the haughty unsuccessful generally merit their defeat. They have shunned the only route that leads to their journey's end. They are surprised that the ability of an inferior man, who takes the pains to express himself clearly in every way that presents itself, should be held in higher esteem than they themselves, whose superior intellect and magnanimity is manifest in the noble lines of their faces and the weighty periods of their discourse. A man should not mistake his own individuality for absolute virtue.

I am aware that this view does not entirely meet the case. But worth, which is worth, and which explains itself, goes far toward unarming the man of wiles. There are societies so artificial and corrupt that nothing short of pandering and craftiness will gain their high places. Not much of this world is of that sort, nor is it sour grapes to say that such a society has nothing which we want.

The career of the honor-man is interesting. His great card is his ability to make a speech. This is the key to the admiration of the schoolboy. How seductive is the eloquence of a handsome young fellow who pronounces his sentences trippingly on his tongue. And how eloquence counts, how it makes up for deficiencies in other respects! Though such a one may feel himself on quicksands at the blackboard, yet we listen to his explanation as if there was a peculiar virtue in it.

That hitherto featureless boy who declaims well the speech he learned at school is soon given a chance to make an original effort. A speedy introduction to the Forum and Byron follows. If he has no good sense nor originality the further promotion which is likely to follow will but reduce him to an increased condition of rare faction. But if he has both, his opportunities reveal and upbuild talents of which neither he nor the world would otherwise have ever been aware.

But the distinctively honor-man is he who goes all the gaits. In four short years he conquers his whole world. He has been general, law-giver, philosopher and beau-ideal, all combined, to his followers. He is quick to see in this presage of his career in the larger field. He should remember, however, that he has been but a player-king, and though all the world's a stage, on the ampler boards his will probably be an humbler role.

AUGUSTUS BENNERS.

Chapter Letters.

GAMMA.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

The Christmas holidays, which are always looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by the college boy, have come and gone, and we have once more taken up our college duties. College life, like a great many other things, has its unpleasant side, and our tasks are sometimes irksome and laborious. But these unpleasant things are more than balanced by the many pleasures of a student's life and the benefit to be derived from a collegiate education; and we will never forget the scenes of our college career, the friendships there made lasting and enduring, and our jolly old fraternity meetings.

Our chapter, which was already comparatively a large one, having a membership of eighteen, has been increased to twenty; and it is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that I now introduce to the K. A. world Samuel Kendrick Abbot, Atlanta, Ga., and George Gordon Stiles, Cartersville, Ga. It is needless to say that both are fine men, and we are confident that they will be members in every way worthy of us.

The improvements mentioned in Gamma's last letter concerning her club rooms, which we then only had under consideration, have now become a thing of reality, and I think we can fairly boast of having the handsomest rooms of any fraternity in Athens; and, moreover, since "a thing of beauty is a joy forever," we are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the many enjoyable hours in store for us. From our reception room, which is very prettily furnished, the crimson and gold everywhere predominating, one can see, when a beautiful pair of portierres are drawn aside, a polished floor which would cause the hearts of any of the followers of Terpsichore to flutter with delight. On our side of the reception room, concealed by another pair of portierres, are doors leading into our assembly room, where our weekly meetings are held, and where our initiatory ceremonies are performed. We are all now waiting impatiently for the time to come when our rooms will be formally opened.

The "University Banquet Club," which was organized a couple of months ago, gave their first banquet just before Christmas, and it was pronounced by all present a complete success. After the elegant supper which was served, toasts were responded to by several of the club's members, which would have done credit to many men more advanced in years and experience. Clubs of all sorts—science, social and literary—seem to be the go here this year, and the latest thing on foot is a dramatic club. It has not yet assumed any definite form, but its progress is being watched with interest by many.

EPSILON.

EMORY COLLEGE.

The number of new students enrolled at Emory each spring term is always small compared with the large number that matriculate. About the usual number entered this spring, but among these men there was perhaps a larger proportion of the sort that the spikers besiege than ever before. Some of the clubs at Emory have fallen into the habit of taking in more men and carrying larger memberships than even conservative council would commend. Epsilon, though so circumstanced as to be peculiarly liable to fall into this error, has always managed to steer clear of this fault; nor has she to reckon herself in any respect the worse for her policy. While we have not so many men as some of the other fraternities here, yet it cannot be complained that we are not in an exceedingly prosperous condition. Brother J. Syd Lewis, who dropped out of college one year ago, returned at the opening of the spring term and has already begun to win honors for himself and Kappa Alpha.

Since writing the last letter to the JOURNAL we have initiated one new man into our Order. This man is J. Clifton Elder, of Barnesville, Ga. It is with pride and pleasure that I introduce him to the fraternity. He made a splendid record at Gordon Institute, and will, no doubt, be equally as successful at Emory. He cast his lot with the Sophomore class, in which we were already very strong.

Emory College proposes to issue an Annual this spring. It will be gotten up by the fraternities and the non-fraternity men conjointly—there being one editor from each of the seven fraternities and two from the college at large. It will be known as the *Zodiac*, and promises to be a first-class production of its sort. Brother H. F. Harris, the winner of the Kappa Alpha Essay

medal last time, is the editor from our fraternity, and is the editor in chief of the entire corps of editors. Brother Harris is a man of eminent literary talent, and has won several worthy distinctions as a writer. He is also editor of the *Emory Phoenix*.

Brother W. P. King was awarded the medal given by Dr. Morgan Calloway for the best essay on Alfred Tennyson by any member of the Senior Class.

The election of champion debaters is the most important event of Emory's college politics, and is always accompanied by a considerable deal of interest among all the students. The contest this year was lively and close. Brother Bush was elected from Few, and Brother King came very near being elected from Phi Gamma society, the vote being 55 to 53 in favor of his opponent.

In both spring term debates we will be represented. Brother Lewis has been recently elected on the last one, and Brother Hilton is salutatorian for the same occasion.

Although about two months earlier than usual, the faculty have already read out the Junior Orators for Commencement. We had but two men in this class eligible to places and both of these, Brothers Norris and DeJarnette, were successful candidates in the contest.

The Sophomore and Freshman speaker's places are awarded on declamation, there being a special contest for the purpose. This has not yet taken place. Epsilon will not be behind here when the time comes.

Brother C. H. Bruce, who taught school in south Florida last fall, but who now has charge of the school at Warrenton, Ga., made us a short visit during the recent severe snowstorm. Being forced to suspend school, by the severe weather for a day or two, he ran up to see the boys and renew old associations—a good thing to do for any Kappa Alpha alumnus whenever he has the opportunity. He met with us on Friday night and gave the boys a very valuable, practical, and encouraging talk. Nothing encourages an active fraternity man like a cheering word from a loyal alumnus.

At present Epsilon is trying to get all her records corrected for the History and Catalogue. There is a good deal to do in this line, but we hope to have it all in shape at an early date.

There is also a movement on foot to add somewhat more of improvements in the way of furniture and fixtures in our club-room. We hope that the day will soon come when our present

room will be as beautiful and attractive as that one destroyed by the fire in 1891.

ETA.**RICHMOND COLLEGE.**

The intermediate examinations are upon us. But, though engaged in reviewing, I will write a short letter to let the fraternity know what our chapter has been doing during the last two months. We are sorry to say that Brothers Edmund Harrison and Lewis have left college. Brother Harrison is in business in this city, and we are glad to say that, though his name has been transferred from the active to the alumni list, he will be able to attend our meetings as regularly as ever.

The extensive improvements to our hall, spoken of in our last letter, have now been about completed, and our hall now presents a very handsome appearance.

Our meetings, which we hold every other Saturday night, are events which we all very much enjoy. In the literary part of our exercises we have two original essays prepared by different members. We take as the subject of these essays the different chapters of our own order. When we get through with our own chapter we may take up other fraternities. Besides being entertaining these essays give us a better idea of the fraternity life than we would otherwise have.

We have at this college 185 students. Of these 44 are fraternity men; of these 44, 11 belong to the K. A. Fraternity, 10 to the Beta Theta Pi, 7 to the Phi Delta Theta, 6 to the Phi Delta Chi, 5 to the Phi Gamma Delta, 4 to the Phi Kappa Epsilon, 1 to the Pi Kappa Alpha.

IOTA.**FURMAN UNIVERSITY.**

Iota has about survived the ravages of football, Christmas and examinations, coming out with flying colors in all of them.

Several old members have been here since our last letter. Brothers O. B. Martin spent a short while with us, S. W. Norwood was at his home in Greenville, and J. E. Edwards came over to see us and to attend to some urging business, but suffice to say, he did it well.

We had a most excellent entertainment on December 20. Brother Kennedy, of Mu, was present and helped to make the occasion more enjoyable. Miss Mattie Gilreath was manager of the affair, and no one could do so better.

Iota has been rejoicing at our victory in a game of football against the S. C. College. Iota had two men on the team, and one of them was the captain, but the other was secretary. Brother Lott, captain, and Brother R. E. Burriss, secretary. We won the game easily, even though the S. C. College team was some heavier than the F. U. team. The score at the end of thirty minutes for the latter half was 44 to 0 in Furman's favor. We had expected to meet the University of Georgia for another game on January 26, but the arrangements failed to be made in Augusta.

In the recent Literary Society elections Iota was well represented, having the president of one of the societies, and several minor offices in each.

Since the last issue we have initiated one new member—Robert S. Williams, of Sackehatchie, S. C.

Brother Burriss has left us to take charge of the books of the State Penitentiary. We are sorry to lose Brother Burriss.

We are sorry to know that Brother J. E. Edwards is ill. A painful operation was necessary, but he survives it well.

Some additions have been made to our hall. Prospects for Iota are promising. We have much to be proud of at present.

KAPPA.

MERCER UNIVERSITY.

The Christmas holidays are now over, and we have all been and have seen the "old folks at home" and other fair loved ones; and now we return to renew our college duties. All of Kappa's boys excepting Brother Terry Hinkle, class of '94, have returned. He perhaps will join us later.

We are pleased to welcome home Brother L. B. Warren, who was with Eta last year. He is an initiate of Kappa and we are glad to have his name on our roll of active members again.

Intermediate examinations are now the order of the day at Mercer and we are all kept busy with them. As soon as they are laid aside and the weather permits, we will spend our spare moments playing lawn tennis with those of the other sex who are partial to the crimson and gold. Our chapter owns a couple of the most desirable courts on the campus, and in the spring many of our afternoons are spent in this pleasant way with our fair friends.

Brother Powell, class of '94, who was last month one of the editors of the college paper, was recently elected the presiding officer of Phi Delta Society. It is needless to say that this

brother fills the president's chair with the same ability with which he wielded the editor's pen.

Kappa believes she now has the prettiest hall of any chapter in the college. But if there be any doubt on this subject the improvements which will be added within the next few days, will settle all of it. It is already a thing to be admired by all who see it and the pride of the members of the chapter. "A thing of beauty," may it be "a joy forever."

The football season being over, the Mercerites are arranging for baseball. The Athletic Association has appropriated one hundred and fifty dollars which will be used to put in order a first-class athletic field, and we hope to meet with the same success in baseball that we did in football, winning every contest.

Kappa has two of her members in the Mercer Male Quartette whose music completely charms the girls of our sister college, and for whose sweet serenades these fair ones constantly clamor.

At a recent meeting of the chapter the place for the next convention was discussed, and a vote being taken, it was found that the majority of the brethren favored Richmond, and so directed the C. S. to state in his chapter letter.

A movement is on foot which, if carried out, will be of incalculable benefit to Georgia's three chapters. We refer to the establishment of a Kappa Alpha State Convention. Epsilon and Kappa are fully aroused to the importance of such a step (and we presume Gamma is, too, though we have nothing from her as yet), and each has appointed a committee to correspond with committees appointed from the other two Georgia chapters in regard to the early establishment of a State convention. Gamma, concurring with her two sister chapters, will insure a success, and we hope the JOURNAL will hear from us later on this subject.

No new men have initiated this session, as new material of that higher class of which Kappa Alphas are made is rather scarce here, very few men having entered since the holidays.

This scribe is pleased to report that Kappa is enjoying an era of prosperity. The inside workings of the chapter were never better than they are now. Everything runs on so smoothly, and every brother is thoroughly imbued with love for Kappa Alpha. Our enthusiasm was never at a higher pitch nor our zeal more ardent. We have reason to feel proud of our Order. Truly,

" Her past is a page of glory bright,
Her present a blaze of splendor."

LAMBDA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

The dulllest time of all the year is upon us, and it is hard to think or talk of anything except examinations. Here at the university the past month has been a quiet and uneventful one, as regards our internal college affairs; and particularly so in comparison with the preceding month, when one of the hottest political fights ever known here was going on.

This political fight was between Mr. McGuire, a D. K. E., and Brother Cannon. Nearly the whole University was ranged on the one side or the other, and the feeling was very intense, especially in regard to some measure adopted by one of the parties in the society. It was finally agreed to leave it to certain arbitrators to decide whether the tactics which had been pursued were morally justifiable; the party against whom the decision was made to withdraw its candidate for the final presidency of the society. The arbitrators have not yet announced their decision, and hence we cannot say who will be elected until after this issue of the JOURNAL has gone to press.

As to the fraternity itself we have initiated no new men since sending our last letter, and our meetings have not been regular of late. But this was owing to examinations, and there will be a change for the better so soon as they are past.

We recently learned with a great deal of sorrow of the death of a former brother, J. M. Rotan, of Waco, Texas. He was here in 1890-91. His death, it seems, was the result of internal injuries sustained by a fall from a horse. A notice of his death appears elsewhere in the JOURNAL.

The University Glee Club gave its first performance in connection with the Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar clubs, about two weeks ago. The music was good, and the club expects to take a trip to the principal cities of the State in a short while. Brother Ainslie is business manager of the Glee Club, and several Kappa Alphas help to compose it.

As is probably generally known, the University of Virginia won the football championship of the South this year. Kappa Alpha had only one representative on the team, Brother Stone, who played half-back in the championship games.

At a recent meeting of the editors of "*Corks and Curls*," the University annual, Mr. Sims, the Beta Theta Pi representative, was elected editor-in-chief, and Brother Davis business editor.

Our chapter here takes a prominent place in the university, and this causes our internal expenses to run up a great deal. Given a little time, however, we propose to pay all the dues, and to get pecuniarily straightened.

We hope to have more of interest for our next letter. The JOURNAL is always welcomed, and is pretty generally read by the men. Our best wishes to the rest of the fraternity for a successful new year, and we shall try to make it an unusually successful one for our own chapter.

NU.

A. AND M. COLLEGE.

The holidays have passed from anticipation into realization, and from realization into retrospection; and Nu's men have all returned to their college duties with renewed energy and vigor.

On the 31st of last December we sustained a severe loss by fire. But with the amount received from the insurance company and the amount contributed by members we will soon have a prettier hall than ever. In consequence of this fire, we were, so to speak, out of a "house and home" during our first two meetings, but Brother Joel Dumas displayed such untiring energy in repairing our hall that we were able to meet therein at our third regular meeting.

The cadets are now in training for the great football contest between Auburn and Tuscaloosa. The boys manifest great interest in this comparatively new sport. They are confident of coming out victorious.

Brother L. S. Boyd, an alumnus of last session, is now with us. Brother Boyd is, and always has been, a zealous Kappa Alpha, and we are extremely glad to have him with us. The *zealous* Kappa Alphas are exactly what we need. A zealous Kappa Alpha is to the Kappa Alpha Order what any zealous Fraternity man is to his order—the *very life* thereof. An indifferent member of any organization is nothing less than the drone of that organization—never willing to exert himself for the good of others, but ever willing to enjoy the fruits of another's labor. Let us begin the new year by trying to have no drones among us.

XI.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Southwestern University is now fairly entered upon the last half of this scholastic year; and retrospecting the past term and

taking our present bearings, we are happy to be able to communicate to our brethren a gratifying degree of progress and prosperity in all lines of fraternity endeavor.

Because of its priority rather than its superior importance, we mention first an item of the doings Xi's social circle since our last letter. Most of the brethren took advantage of the week's holiday Christmas to visit their parents—some to visit those whom Cupid makes believe are dearer. Rather late, it may be, to classify occurrences of that date as news, but by no means so late as for time to have erased from our minds the vivid recollection of the royal hospitality with which we were entertained on the evening of December 22 last at the residence of Mrs. M. Harrell, formerly known as "the Kappa Alpha Ranch." It was the occasion of our semi-annual "convivium." The boys were there, each with his best girl—if her home happened not to be elsewhere; Omicron responded to our invitation in the noble personages of Bros. R. E. Roy and W. J. Crawford; and with a few specially invited friends, it was withal a merry party. Conversation, music and refreshments were indulged in until the wee hours brought to mind subsequent obligations, when each found his way homeward, with a vote of thanks and appreciation upon his lips to our kind and accomplished hostess, and in his heart an increased fraternal regard for his fellow Kappa Alphas.

But let us pass to things of more substantial merit and sound the notes of surer material progress. On the evening of February 10, Xi assembled to engage in one of those most interesting and important events of fraternity life, loosed her goat, and let into the mystic circle Ramsey Clarke Armstrong, Jr., son of Rev. R. C. Armstrong, of Waco, Tex., one of the prominent members of the Northwest Texas Conference. Also, we have the pleasure to introduce to the Order, Andrew Jephtha Kincannon, of Eddy, Tex., who was initiated October 22, 1892, but by error of the C. S. it was not reported in the last issue of the JOURNAL. These brethren are both candidates for degrees in the university, and will ever do credit to Xi Chapter and be an honor to the fraternity at large.

In point of scholarship, we feel proud to be recognized still at the head of the list at the Southwestern. Perhaps it is well, for the benefit of some of the readers of the JOURNAL who may not understand it, to explain the local significance with us attached to the word "distinction." It is this: At the end of each term there is published by the faculty a list of those who have made

in the several classes a grade averaging during the term 90 or over. The following shows the status of the three fraternities here according to the last distinction list :

Fraternity.	No. Men.	No. Distinctions	Av. per Man.
Kappa Sigma. .	10	37	3 7-10
Phi Delta Theta	9	41	4 5-9
Kappa Alpha .	12	60	5

Xi did not forget herself in these honors that are attained by personal effort, neither was she forgotten in the distribution of those awarded by the student body. On the occasion of the intermediate debate of the Alamo Literary Society, December 22, Bro. R. G. Mood did himself credit as one of the four debaters. In preparation for its next annual celebration, April 21, the San Jacinto Society elected Bro. Jno. L. Brooks orator of the day, and Bro. A. J. Kincannon one of the debaters. In the oncoming commencement debate between the two named literary societies, the San Jacintos will be represented by Bros. E. M. Sweet and R. C. Armstrong. As to who shall receive the other commencement honors it remains to be told by months of constant and arduous work ; but we shall endeavor to hold our accustomed place in the front and acquire our wonted share, keeping in mind our motto, "Labor omnia vincit."

OMICRON.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

With the new year comes new zeal for the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and renewed energy and resolutions to make Omicron one of the best chapters in the fraternity. It is true we are but a small band, but a chapter's power does not lie in its numbers, but in the fraternal spirit of the members, in their zeal and devotion to the order, and last, but not least, in their conservatism, and if there be anything for which our chapter is noted it is for this latter virtue. Our conservativeness is proverbial. We have been very careful in our selection of men this year, seeking nobody until we were sure we would be proud to call him brother, and, while we may have lost a few good men, yet we believe in the principle that it is better to lose several good men than to get one we would regret. Every single man in the chapter would be an honor to any fraternity, and we are noted for our conservativeness throughout the university.

As was said above, we have but few men, yet we get our share

of the honors. Brothers Sheppard and Ray were elected to represent the university at the reception the citizens of Austin gave Governor Hogg on his re-election. Both of them made good speeches. Besides this our men hold various offices in the societies, etc., too small to mention.

We are expecting to increase our numbers soon, and then lookout for a royal banquet.

UPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Your correspondent regrets very much that he failed to forward tidings of Upsilon in time for the last issue of the JOURNAL, and begs to add that this failure was owing to his absence from the university.

It gives us great pleasure to inform our sister chapters of the excellent status we have now attained. We know it is quite customary for chapter correspondents to brag a little, but we feel so much cause for congratulation that we cannot but express some of it.

I think it can be safely said that Upsilon is on the best footing she has ever known, and that on this foundation we can increase in power and influence from year to year until we reach the acme of usefulness, fulfilling the grand object of our order.

Since our last communication we have initiated one man, who has already proved himself worthy of his high calling. Let me introduce him to the order, Mr. William Donald Carmichael, Jr., of Little Rock, S. C.

Last fall we had nine men, and we still retain the lucky number.

We regret that three men of our last fall's chapter did not return this spring. They are Brothers William Sanford, Carl Harding and Frank Short. Brother Sanford, we are informed, has gone into business at Mocksville, N. C., and Brother Short is at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Success to you, my brethren.

But these gaps in the ranks have been filled. We received by transfer from Sigma two excellent gentlemen and worthy brothers, Mr. Garnet Smith and Rush Lee. We welcome them with open arms, and we feel that we but slightly express it when we say that they are both excellent additions to our chapter. They both enter the Junior Class.

Brother W. W. Vass, Jr., of Raleigh, N. C., is also with us. Brother

Vass is a member of old Tau, that fateful chapter whose trials and tribulations have been so numerous and so varied. Brother Vass has a brilliant reputation as a student, being graduated from Wake Forest College the valedictorian of his class, and he comes to us to "absorb" the principles of the law and to enjoy the charm of fraternity life freed from the restrictions of a hostile faculty.

Our chapter, according to class, stands as follows: Three Juniors, one Sophomore, three Freshmen and two Law students.

The U. N. C. Baseball Team is now in training. There will probably be three Kappa Alphas on the team this year.

Brother Ellis has been elected business manager of the Hellenian this year, and the same brother has also been honored by a place on the staff of a weekly paper recently established here, *The Tar Heel*, published in the interest of the University by the students.

We have heard very little discussion as to the location of our next convention. We are all in favor of Richmond as the place, for its meeting. Chicago seems to us too far north and more especially too crowded this year for the purposes of our convention.

CHI.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Once more does Chi's C. S. take pen in hand to let her sister chapters know how she has been treated by the world in general for the past two months. We have just emerged from the throes of intermediate examinations and on the whole we feel very much pleased with the results of our half session's work. On account of the examinations and the interruption caused by the holidays we have not held our usual number of chapter meetings, but have been putting in our time in good, solid work instead. But now that the "clouds have rolled by" we heave a sigh of relief and rejoice that we can give more attention to fraternity work.

Our chapter has lately received an addition to its number by the arrival of Brother John A. Pharr, of Louisiana, one of Chi's last year's initiates. He brings with him his younger brother, Brother H. N. Pharr, who graduated last year with high honors at Centenary College, La. They are both taking a special scientific courses, adapted to the needs of the sugar producer of Louisiana, in which business they have been engaged during

the season just past. It is with the greatest pleasure that we give them welcome.

The Vanderbilt Glee Club has just completed a series of engagements in several Tennessee towns at all of which it was well received and applauded. Kappa Alpha is well represented in the Club by Brother Washburn, leader, and Brother L. A. Davis, who sings second bass. This claims to be the first Glee Club sent out by a Southern institution.

We see that in the last issue of the JOURNAL there was considerable discussion as to the best place for holding our next biennial convention. We are very much in favor of having it in Chicago, provided the time for holding it can be changed somewhat. The regular time for holding it is, we believe, about the middle of September, just about the time of the opening of the session at most of our colleges. Now we think that if this could be changed to about the last of June when all of the colleges will have just been closed, it will be much better for our convention for two principal reasons: first, June will be a much more pleasant month in which to visit Chicago than September for various reasons; and second, if cholera reaches this country and becomes epidemic next summer, as a great many think it will do, it is more than probable that it will not get here before the first of July; whereas, it is equally as certain that if it comes at all it will get here before the middle of September. And no one can doubt for a moment but that cholera in this country will have a very damaging effect upon the attendance and enthusiasm of the convention, no matter whether it be held in Chicago or elsewhere. So for this latter reason, if for no other, we think the early part of the summer will be a better time for the convention than the regular time in September.

We believe Chicago would be the best place for holding it, chiefly because of the greater attendance that would result therefrom, not only of duly accredited delegates, but of other active members and alumni as well. By sufficiently publishing the exact date of the convention beforehand, so that as many of our alumni as possible would know of it, every one of them, who had previously entertained the slightest idea of attending the fair, would make his arrangements to suit the convention, and in that week, or two weeks, if so much is necessary, there would be such a swarm of Kappa Alphas in Chicago as never was assembled at one place before. And who knows how many alumni associations might be formed, or what other praiseworthy move-

ments for the good of the Order might grow out of this rare assemblage of Knights of the "Crimson and Gold?"

We are very much interested in this matter, and hope the K. C. will finally give his decision in favor of Chicago; for then the majority of our chapter will probably attend the convention, whereas, if some other place is chosen (excepting Nashville, of course), there is an equal probability that none of us but the duly elected delegates will enjoy that pleasure.

We did not intend to go into a lengthy discussion of this matter, but simply wished to express what we believe to be the sentiment of Chi Chapter in regard to it.

With best wishes for the good of the Order in every field, we close.

PSI.

TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Once more Psi Chapter fills a place in the list of chapter letters. Heretofore she has been rather backward in this particular, but now intends to start a new era of affairs and have a letter in every issue of the JOURNAL.

Since the Commencement of the session we have added six to our membership. We take great pleasure in presenting them to the Order. They are of the Freshman class. Algernon Sydney Ernest, New Orleans, La.; John Edwin Rodd, Jr., New Orleans; Guy Donelson, New Orleans, and Ludlow Buard Baynard, Jr., Alexandria, La. In the Medical Department, we have Charles Pomeroy Stone, Clinton, La., and Harry Aldrich, Baton Rouge, La. Frederic A. Roehl, of Alpha Beta, has also joined us. All expect to continue with Psi for several years.

We were very sorry to part with Brother S. H. Backus, who, on account of pressing school duties, was obliged to resign from active membership. Brother Backus favors us very often with a visit, despite his studies. F. L. Richardson, Jr., was elected to fill the positions of G. S. and C. S. left vacant by the withdrawal of Brother Backus.

The college honors so far gained by the different fraternities at Tulane, are about evenly divided between the Sigma Chis, Kappa Sigmas, and Kappa Alphas. Our boys hold the following positions: Alumni and class editor of *Tulane Collegian*, treasurer Tulane Athletic Association, vice-president Freshman class, vice-president Sophomore class, first term, and vice-president Tulane Athletic Association.

The State Association of Kappa Alpha will hold its annual

convention in New Orleans on the 11th of February. As there are some forty or fifty Kappa Alphas in the city, to say nothing of the remainder of the State, we hope and expect to have a large crowd present.

Our mid-term examinations come off very soon, and some of our members (your scribe among them) who have not killed themselves studying, have dismal foreboding as their outcome.

This chapter is at present in a very flourishing condition. There is a little irregularity in the attendance at meetings, but we hope to remedy this ere long.

With best wishes for the prosperity of our sister chapters, and the continued welfare of the fraternity we close.

OMEGA.

CENTRE COLLEGE.

The members of Omega have enjoyed for the past two months a quiet but prosperous life. With the exception of the holidays nothing has occurred to disturb the regular routine of college duties.

Our latest initiates are Messrs. Henry Waller, of Lebanon, Ky., and Will T. Woodard, of Lexington, Ky. We congratulate ourselves upon our success, and hope that the future may bring to us others of their type.

Mr. W. S. Savage, of Millersburg, Ky., has returned to Centre, much to the pleasure of the Kappa Alphas, who extend to him a most fraternal welcome.

Mr. Leigh S. Boyd, of Nu, has returned to his "*alma mater*." During his short stay in Kentucky he endeared himself to all the Kappa Alphas whom he met through the *noble work* in which he was engaged. If Nu's members are all as enthusiastic Kappas as he she undoubtedly should be given the title of the *banner chapter*.

A short time past we enjoyed the presence of a distinguished Kappa Alpha. His address, "The Reign of the Demagogue," is a masterpiece of oratory, and the principles therein embodied should be cherished and followed by all citizens, and especially by all Kappa Alphas, since they are given us by one of our truest and greatest alumni—the Hon. John Temple Graves. Owing to other engagement we enjoyed him for his presence only a few hours, but in that short time we received a treat not soon to be forgotten.

We know of five loyal Kappas, at Ann Arbor, who are de-

sirous of a charter. Why not grant it? Would not a chapter in one of our largest Northern universities benefit us? It certainly would do no harm.

With best wishes to her sister chapters, Omega closes.

ALPHA-BETA.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Since Alpha-Beta has had an opportunity of communicating with the fraternity world, through the columns of the JOURNAL, she has suffered an almost irreparable loss in the death of Brother John Leslie Hibbard, which sad event occurred at his home (Birmingham) January 9, '93. We feel that in his death not we alone have suffered, but that it has cast a gloom over the entire fraternity, which time can but partly erase. He was dearly loved by his brothers of Alpha-Beta, and honored and respected by the entire university, in which he has left many friends to mourn his loss.

Brothers Graves and McConnico have been elected and installed as C. S. and C., respectively, to fill the vacancies caused by the death of our past officers.

The subject of when and where the next convention is to be held has been warmly discussed for some time, and it is the unanimous decision of Alpha-Beta that the Chicago plan is the best. We believe that a larger number of active members could be assembled there than anywhere else. Besides, a great many more of our alumni members would be with us there than could possibly attend a convention held elsewhere. Our preference is decidedly Chicago. In case it should not be held there, our choice of the Southern cities is Atlanta.

Alpha-Beta takes pleasure in introducing to the fraternity William Shepard Wood, of Florence, Ala., who was enrolled as one of its members at our last meeting of last year.

Our boys are taking more interest in athletics this year than they have ever done before. They are now employing all of their spare time in preparing for that eventful day—February 22—when we shall meet Auburn upon the *Grid Iron* in Birmingham. Although several of our team are now down with the grippe, we hope they will have recuperated sufficiently to take part in the contest, and we expect to be able to make the game quite interesting for our worthy opponents. Alpha-Beta is represented in the team by Brothers Pratt, center, and Smith, half-back.

Whilst most of our athletic enthusiasm is now being spent upon football, some préparations have already been made for the coming baseball season. We are glad to state that Brother Smith has been chosen captain of the "varsity" nine for '93, and we believe that next spring he will put into the field as good a nine as ever came from a Southern college.

ALPHA-GAMMA.**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.**

The Christmas holidays have gone. Now when we make the above statement we are aware that everybody is acquainted with the fact, and consequently we do not expect it to be received as a bit of information. But for the last three months we have looked forward to them with such interest and joyful longings, that we are forced, so to speak, to give vent to our feelings and make the above astounding statement as a kind of sad adieu. All the boys declare that they have had the best time that ever they had.

We most humbly beg pardon if we become at all poetical, but with such a subject how can we help it? With us the Christmas holidays and love making are intimately connected with each other. The one is regarded as a natural result of the other. This idea has not been weakened this Christmas, but on the contrary strengthened.

The New Year finds us in as enviable position as can be desired. Our chapter at present numbers eight. However three of our members who were here last session, but who were unable to return at the beginning of this one, expect to come back shortly.

I take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large Brothers C. F. Duchein and E. W. Robertson, both of Baton Rouge, La. They have been known to us for some time. Both ourselves and they are to be congratulated on their initiation.

It is my painful duty to announce to the Order that we found it necessary to dismiss our No. 2. He was pursuing a course which we could not uphold him in.

A typographical error was committed in the last JOURNAL. In announcing Brother Gustine's initiation he was introduced as Brother Gustrie.

An era of prosperity has settled on our College. There are more students present this session than there has been for some time. Everybody connected with the University is in the

highest spirit and we are getting along beautifully. We have organized a cadet band and although it has been in existence but a brief time it is numbered among the best in the State. Our baseball team has never met with defeat and are open for challenges from any one. One thing which I cannot refrain from speaking of is the friendly terms which the different frats. are on. One would think that we were all the same frat. The work of securing new men is carried on good naturedly. There are but three frats. here and consequently when a good man comes he is generally "spotted" by all and then the fun commences.

In regard to the place where the annual convention should be held Alpha-Gamma is in favor of Chicago. We would like to hear from some of the brothers in connection with the matter.

We will close this rather lengthy letter by wishing all who wear the crimson and gold and who are marching under the banner bearing that strange device a year of happiness and prosperity.

ALPHA-DELTA.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE.

Our failure to appear in the last issue of the JOURNAL was due to an irregularity in changing that officer whose duty it is to avoid this embarrassing occurrence. Our former C. S. has been compelled on account of business to resign this position for which he was so well fitted. In taking his place I desire in behalf of the chapter to commend his faithfulness and thank him for his kindly protection of Alpha Delta's interests. For his reward I point him to his letters in the JOURNAL, a fit monument of his carefully executed duty.

Though Alpha Delta has no treat for the Order in recounting brave deeds and noble accomplishments bearing laudation and fame still we claim the honor of being heard as strong and steadfast upholders of the faith. By perverse fate we have been successively deprived of Bro. Jandon, who has gone to California for an extended stay; Bro. Dawson, who has been compelled on account of ill-health to rest this term, and Bro. Benning, who has not yet been introduced to the Order, has been compelled to leave school owing to business that needed his attention. He was a man whom we hoped to make as good a member as our best. We are sorry to lose him so soon.

These losses, though they are discouraging, are serving a purpose; we are becoming more and more united in our fewness

we are developing an unrivaled degree of harmony and congeniality.

Our chapter is not a large one, but we consider it a model in all other respects. We have a strong and enthusiastic resident alumni which gives us a recognition in the community otherwise unattainable. They join us in all our undertakings and counsel us in our deliberations, lending their experience and sagacity to our enthusiasm and ardor. Through these united forces we have succeeded, we hope, to the satisfaction of the Order, in keeping an unbroken front and an untainted banner.

During the past term three more of our choice have cast in their lot with us, Bros. Benning, Tanner and Matthews. One of these we have lost, the others, however, have proven the men we judged them to be.

Wm. Jewell is standing full on the threshold of a most glorious future; never have the prospects of success been so flattering. Her endowment has recently been increased, her faculty enlarged and numerous improvements, including a chapel and gymnasium, are under consideration. This means a blooming into new life in the near future for this institution; also, that Alpha Delta is to receive an impetus toward her ever fleeing ideal.

We take this opportunity to express our willingness to join in any work furthering the cause of the Order. When the fraternity shall want us, be it known that always are we ready and willing with all our power.

In acknowledging the communication in regard to a State convention, we desire to say to Alpha Eta, we heartily endorse the movement and lend all encouragement, pledging our co-operation. Such concentration as this is much needed; a closer communication between the chapters of Missouri could easily be effected and would undoubtedly lead to much good.

ALPHA-ETA.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

Alpha-Eta's men are, with the exception of one, back at work after the holidays.

We regret very much to lose Brother Homer Matthews, who leaves us to take a clerkship.

College opened the second term with a slight increase in attendance, but no good fraternity material.

Our number seems few at present compared with some of our

sister chapters, but we are not in a dying condition yet, fraternity spirit seems to be growing stronger among our members. We meet every Monday night in a rented hall, and the meetings are well attended; all seem anxious to be there. Our resident alumni don't meet with us as often as we would like for them to, but two of them are in business here and the other's occupation keeps him out of town a great deal, so we can excuse them to some extent on those grounds.

We are endeavoring to raise a chapter house fund, and are confident we can make a good beginning this year, and if pushed forward I think we can have a chapter house in five years, or a little longer. We are not strong enough to attempt any sooner. The officers of the chapter house fund consist of our three alumni, one of whom is treasurer; the G. M. is president of the board, and the S. M. secretary.

Since our last letter we have been the recipient of the following honors: Ryland, a contestant in the declamatory contest to be held some time in April, one of the business managers of the college paper (*The Student*) and also President of the Philolethian Literary Society, and "ye scribe" a contestant in the oratorical contest to be held the second Monday in March, and one of the editors-in-chief of *The Student*.

We expect to have a reunion of our alumni in June if we can succeed in getting them here, as we think it will be enjoyable to all, and increase our interest.

Best wishes to all our sister chapters.

ALPHA-KAPPA.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

At last we emerge from our seclusion and endeavor to acquaint the fraternity with Alpha-Kappa of '93. To our beloved sister chapters we extend a cheerful greeting; to those who have entertained fears as to our condition or existence we give assurance of our prosperity; and with those of our elder brethren who may have harbored reproachful thoughts of our neglected duty, we attempt a compromise by saying, pardon our past inconsistency, and accept our promise to be as punctual in the future performance of our duty as is in our power.

Alpha-Kappa's life has been short, yet her experience in misfortune and suffering have been greater than many of her older sisters. The burning of our great university last January, and the dreary season following thereon, tested her endurance beyond

measure; and the loss of four men out of ten threatened her very existence. Still, as if this were not sufficient, Death extinguished our brightest light when he took from us the founder of Alpha-Kappa, the beloved Conley. Besides the despondency of the remembrance of this short and painful history, we have had to work in a field full of adversaries superior in numbers, experience and the standing which age gives to a fraternity chapter. Yet we have kept above the flood. Last September five Alpha Kappas returned to school—McCurdy, Jarvis, Estes, Granger and White. We had no hall, no place we could call home; we decided not to get one until we had increased our number and could better afford one. The fraternity material in the university was exceptionally scarce. Yet we have gotten four good men whom we introduce to the fraternity with pride and pleasure—C. B. Duncan, of Olney, Mo.; Ernest Hendrick and Edgar McAlister, of Bowling Green, Mo., and Walter Kimble, of Carrolton, Mo. Brothers Duncan, Hendrick and Kimble were initiated before the holidays; Brother McAlister after the opening of the second semester.

Last month we rented a hall suitable to our number, and fitted it up more nicely than any other fraternity abode in town. Before this we had no regular meetings, and consequently the officers and work were irregular. At our last meeting we elected the officers for this year—G. V. McCurdy, G. M.; O. W. Granger, S. M.; R. E. Jarvis, G. S.; J. P. White, C. S.; Berkley Estes, K.-at-A. and P.; Ernest Hendrick, K. U.; Edgar McAlister, C. H.

Our non-appearance in the October and December Journals was because there was no C. S. Our work at home has been so great as to cause the neglect of our duty in correspondence, etc. But I think I am safe in saying it will be neglected no longer.

The present prospects of Alpha-Kappa are flattering; her number is small, yet all her men are *men*. Already she is recognized as among the leading fraternities of this institution. Wherever she has sought distinction she has proved herself capable of gaining it.

We know that a great deal is expected of the chapter at the University of Missouri. We hope that this expectation will be realized, and that right soon. Kappa Alpha is strong in this State. Missouri is a province in herself, and Alpha Kappa may become her stronghold; here are the circumstances for the accomplishment of such end, if we can maintain ourselves until our time shall come. Much depends upon our efforts this sem-

ester, and, though our motto is, "Quality and not quantity," yet we hope we may augment our number with several estimable additions in the near future.

With these remarks and fraternal love for each and Kappa Alpha, we say farewell.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

Since our last appearance in the columns of the JOURNAL, Mr. Henry Skinner West, of Baltimore, has been added to our number. Mr. West is a member of the class of '93, and has distinguished himself in his department, having held a Hopkins scholarship during the two years of his connection with the University. We expect him to become one of our very best members.

A couple of changes have occurred in our body of officers since we announced them. Brothers Theime and Forbes have resigned their positions as S. M. and G. S., respectively, by reason of pressing work coming upon them, and Brothers Magruder and Cameron have been selected to fill their places. While we regret the resignation of the two former brethren we doubt not that the present incumbents will most satisfactorily discharge the duties imposed upon them.

During the Christmas holidays several of our members left the city for various places, all on pleasure bent. And all, of course, report a most delightful yule-tide. But even with these gone, enough were left to form a jolly crowd to enjoy the delightful supper given to us in the Chapter Hall by our landlady during Christmas week. And enjoy it we did; with songs and speeches the minutes flew by. There is no doubt whatever about it, one's heart never throbs with so much cordiality or good will toward all mankind, and especially toward his brothers in the band, as when he touches elbows with them around a table well provided with the edibles and drinkables that minister to the comfort of the inner man. Therefore let us all follow the advice of our foresighted K. C. in this and make such gatherings frequent.

We were glad of the opportunity of meeting Brother P. S. Chancellor, of Lambda, who was here on a visit during the holidays, and also Brother Parker, at the U. S. Naval Academy.

We are much pleased with one of Brother Keeble's editorials in the December number of the JOURNAL on the question of badges, and heartily agree with him in thinking how important

it is that a chapter should own as many as possible and wear them on all occasions. The great drawback, it seems, to their being more generally owned, has heretofore been their rather high price; but a step in the right direction was taken when there appeared the plain gold ones; and now we have the neat little buttons, as tasteful as they are simple, consisting of a white background, with cross of gold. Reasonable in price, we should advocate their general adoption. They have become quite popular among our boys, about fifteen being owned by the chapter.

The time is approaching for the holding of our biennial convention; our members are divided in their preference as to place, those of us who live East, of course center upon Richmond as in all respects the most desirable point, while the Western contingent are even more strenuous in their claims for Chicago. Wherever it be held we shall be represented by a delegate, and shall look with intense interest for the settlement and solution of several questions; for by this will be determined our Order's career certainly for the next two years, perhaps for a long distance into the future.

The University is having its quiet days now, nearly all of us devoting ourselves to work in good earnest. The athletic season is not on yet, though training for LaCrosse and baseball goes on apace in the gymnasium every afternoon. We shall be represented on the LaCrosse team by one of its star players, in the person of Brother T. F. P. Camerson.

Perhaps the most distinguished man of our fraternity, Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., of New York city, an alumnus of old Tau, will be in the city on Tuesday night, February 7, to deliver his famous lecture on Backbone. Our whole chapter will of course attend, and we hope that his engagements will not be of so pressing a nature as to preclude our paying him some attention personally. The whole fraternity is proud, and justly, of Tom Dixon, occupying, as he does, the first rank of pulpit oratory in America to-day.

In conclusion we send our best wishes to each sister chapter for a prosperous spring session, now that the erstwhile prevalent bane of examinations is over.

ALPHA.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

To write a chapter letter upon the happenings of the last two months is a very similar operation to squeezing blood out of the proverbial turnip.

We have had no "goats" recently. Our crowd of nine is very congenial, and we look forward with pleasure to the weekly bug meetings. Our quarters this year are much better than ever before. They have been appropriately decorated by several of our artistic members.

T. W. Shelton, one of our number, was recently elected editor of the *Southern Collegian* from the Washington Literary Society. The editorial staff of the *Collegian* is small and select.

Washington and Lee has decided to have an Annual this year. Every fraternity and other organization will be represented by an editor. Mr. Fitzpatrick, a Phi Delta Theta, has been chosen editor in chief. Your humble servant has the honor to be the Kappa Alpha editor. Much interest is taken in the project, and we predict success for it.

An unusually large number of men are applying for the baseball team and boat crews. They are doing systematic gymnasium work now and will begin outdoor exercise as soon as the weather permits. Brother Goode will play second base and captain the nine.

We read very carefully an article in the last JOURNAL, entitled, "The Next Convention at Chicago." We are sorry to disagree with Brother T. R. B., but we do not think that the "Windy City by the Lake" is the best place for our next convention.

Editorial.

OWING to the large number of contributed articles that appear in this issue, the resident of the sanctum will not spread himself over as much space as usual. The present issue presents much of interest, at least to Kappa Alphas; and a careful reading of the contribution department is urged upon the members of the fraternity; especially the historical contributions under the head of "Catalogue Corrections" and the valuable information of Southern colleges, collected in "Where We Are Not."

NEVERTHELESS, it is well to speak briefly in regard to some affairs of our order. It will be seen elsewhere that the Grand Historian has purchased a safe in which to preserve the fraternity archives and valuable papers pertaining to the office of Historian. This safe is not paid for, our Historian becoming personally responsible for the remainder of the purchase price. It goes without saying that the fraternity will meet the expense thus incurred. It should be met promptly.

THE convention draws gradually near. It is quite near enough to attract the attention of every chapter and of every member. The convention, to be successful, must be composed of able and energetic men, and these men should equip themselves for the convention by mature deliberation on various topics that will be before the body. It is necessary that every chapter be represented at the coming convention, and every chapter is now urged to prepare to send a delegate. Preparation means, among other things, the selection of a delegate who can and will be present, and the arrangement of finances which will be required to send the delegate.

Wherever the convention meets, there it will be successful, not only from a business standpoint, but from the standpoint of a reunion of *fraters* and the presence of hearty fellowship.

THERE may have been some things in previous numbers of the JOURNAL that would give an idea of the presence of pessimism in the order. Nevertheless there is none. In trying to attain better things some of the present things have been criticised, sometimes severely; but viewing the condition of the entire fraternity a scene meets the eye which would please the most optimistic. Our order is strong, vigorous, prosperous and better organized than ever in its history. To-morrow, however, must be better than to-day. That this may be, to-day must be a period of vigilant work. Before this year goes out there must be an organization of some new chapters and revivification of some dead ones. Careful and judicious effort will bring this about. This period is far from producing inertia that is the product of despair, and should not be permitted to produce the inertia that is the product of prosperity. The one should be shunned as the other. Both are germs of destruction, while both can be conquered and destroyed.

This is a time of the glory and strength of all college fraternities, but the present strength and glory is but the promise of better strength and glory. The future holds much that is alluring, much that deserves to be gained. Some will receive it. Cannot we receive our portion?

It is worthy of rejoicing that the narrow spirit of envy between college fraternities is dying out, and the rivalry between them is gradually growing generous and dignified. In this do we rejoice greatly. It is full time for carping criticism to cease; and it is full time for all fraternities to recognize that all are striving for the same end; the building up of the natures of men and the promotion of true fellowship and philanthropy; philanthropy among the souls of men, the true brotherhood of all men. The prosperity of a rival order pleases us, next to the prosperity of our own; and for them we have genuine sympathy in every undertaking. It is pleasing to see their growth and general development. As each magazine improves and becomes larger, it is reason to be glad. A reason for all members of fraternities to be glad. Not only because of fellow-men engaged in the same effort are succeeding, but it also teaches us that the aims of fraternities are well thought of and presents hope to every one of attaining better and greater ends than have been reached. The only true pan-hellenism that can ever be is

in the immaterial rather than the material. The meeting must be co-operation rather than consolidation of orders. This true pan-hellenism we can and should attain, and that soon.

FROM reading the periodicals of the sororities, it might be gathered, that the editors of the JOURNAL were woman-haters, and men whose ideas of womanhood were low in the extreme. Such is not true. There never was a staff of men who had truer respect and greater admiration for womanhood; there never was a staff who were more firm in the belief that womanhood is the safety of civilization. But there never was a staff more thoroughly imbued with the idea that woman should be shielded from the hardships of life and helped over its rough places.

Reared in the shadow of Southern chivalry, we dislike to think of woman meeting hardships, struggling with adversity, contending with temptation. We have been taught that it was man's duty, as well as pleasure, to stand between woman and all these things. Not that we do not honor the woman, who, finding herself obliged to meet such things, goes forth with heroism to meet them! Far from this. But only that we hate to see woman courting this.

We do not, as some would have people think, advocate a low type of education for womankind, nor would we confine her to mediocre development. Let woman have the best of all this; but let her avoid the baser ambitions which have wrecked men and nations. The magazines published by the sororities find no warmer welcome than in this sanctum, even when they come full of sarcasm written of the JOURNAL. We are glad to see you prospering; we are glad to see you growing and developing; but never outgrow the loving tenderness that is characteristic of the truest womanhood, which does, indeed, rule over the whole human race. Here's to the woman in Greekdom, a long life, full of peace, truth and power!

Greek News and Clippings.

The College Fraternity now has a department devoted to chess.

In the State of New York an intercollegiate press association has been formed, including ten of the leading college papers.

A traveling fellowship in architecture has been established at the University of Pennsylvania. The holder receives \$1,000 annually, and is to travel in Europe for the purpose of studying the architecture of the great churches and public buildings.—*Ex.*

Other institutions might well pattern after the University of Pennsylvania. Nothing would better serve to educate the people than artistic architecture.

Three fraternity conventions were held in Tennessee in December—Delta Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Chattanooga, and Alpha Tau Omega at Nashville.—*The College Fraternity.*

The magazines with accounts of these conventions have not yet reached the JOURNAL.

President-elect Grover Cleveland has become an honorary member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. At a convention of the society held in New York about two weeks ago, the constitution, which does not provide for such members, was suspended and Mr. Cleveland elected. A committee composed of Reginald Fendall, of Washington, counsel of the Fraternity; the Rev. Theodore A. K. Gessler, counsel of the New York Alumni Chapter, and rector of Grace Baptist Church, of New York, and Alfred Taylor, of New York, were appointed to initiate the President-elect into the society. Important business called Mr. Fendall to Washington, so he was unable to take part in the ceremony, but his two associates initiated Mr. Cleveland into the secrets of the Fraternity on January 26. The "grip" and ritual of the society were made known to the new member and a badge of the organization was presented to him. The ceremony took place at Mr. Cleveland's office.—*The College Fraternity.*

Mr. Cleveland must be a "slippery Jim." This makes twice that Sigma Chi has landed her catch, having heretofore initiated him on a moving train, while the "goat" was on his Ann Arbor trip. They have now initiated him both as a candidate for the candidacy, and as a candidate for the Presidency, and will he be again initiated after the inaugural ceremonies have been held?

The current joke among Fraternity people here is an article in the *Sigma Nu Quarterly*, written by a freshman of the young but active chapter of that Fraternity located at DePauw University, giving an exhaustive review of local fraternity life as seen by a very recent escape from the Greencastle Preparatory School. We hope no other institution suffers as does this from the frequent asininity of ink-throwers who are noted for those qualities which pertain to him who rushes in where angels fear to tread. The college authorities very properly prohibit evils which are a menace to the pure society of a co-educational school; but, proclamations to the contrary of over-enthusiastic cranks on the one hand and disappointed would-be "crapshooters" and "up-tankers" on the other, a man can say "gosh" under his breath here without danger of being assassinated by the university senate.—*DePauw Cor. Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

The above refers to an extended clipping which appeared in the Greek Press of the last JOURNAL, and of which comment was made at the time.

"The South Carolina College must go," is the burden of part of Superintendent of Education Mayfield's report recently submitted to the Legislature. This comes in the nature of a surprise, and one that will widely awaken a large part of the people of the State, in whose affections this historical institution is deeply imbedded. The prospect is that it will provoke a great fight. Superintendent Mayfield gave to the press his report, in which he shows the advisability of closing the college and converting it into a normal and industrial college for males and females, after the manner of the Peabody Normal College at Nashville. His conclusion is reached by reason of the fact that the institution has attracted only seventy students during the last session, while a large and strong faculty is being maintained, and \$35,000 is appropriated by the State. For the last five years the college has been a factor in politics, and last year the administration curtailed it of its higher branches and removed the agricultural and industrial features to Clemson College, the institution recently established for the farmers. Previous to this the college attendance was about 250 students annually. A bill embodying the superintendent's suggestion will be introduced in the Legislature.—*The College Fraternity*.

"And this is Rome, that sat upon her seven hills, and from her throne of beauty ruled the world."

Galician women have petitioned the Emperor of Austria for permission to serve as soldiers.—*Ex*.

What weapons?

Recent statistics show that women to-day average two inches taller than they did twenty-five years ago.—*The Arrow*.

Which goes to prove that co-education is successful.

We had planned for a reception in order that the members of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta might meet our grand president, but it seemed kinder to her after her two weeks of travel to allow her to spend a quiet evening with the chapter. We were especially interested in her talk on the World's Fair exhibit.—*Chapter Cor. The Arrow*.

Omega Z. Tset was absent, but that officer's place was ably filled by the Keeper of the Supreme Greatness of the Illimitable.

We are very enthusiastic about our football eleven. They are champions of Denver, Iowa and Nebraska, and have been beaten only once this year.—*K. U. Cor. The Arrow*.

The JOURNAL would like to ask a few questions, but bashfulness forbids.

The editor suggests the following New Year resolutions for the consideration of the associate editors:

1. *Resolved*, That, in spite of sickness or death, the chapter letters be written.
2. That, notwithstanding examinations, receptions, or other temptations of the season, the letters be sent promptly.
3. That the letters be so written as to be worth \$1.15 per page to print.
4. That requests for literary contributions be no longer politely ignored.
5. That such contributions be written upon subjects more pertinent than Theosophy or Egyptology.
6. That all communications be written in such form that the services of an expert hieroglyphist be not required to elucidate their meaning.
7. That the constitution be read, pondered and inwardly digested, and their lives ordered thereby.
8. That no communication be sent written upon more than one side of the paper.
9. That requests for money be regarded seriously and not as humorous editorial effervescence.
10. That they forgive the editor her shortcomings and have none of their own.—*Delta Gamma Anchora*.

" 'From all heresy, false doctrine, and schism, good Lord deliver us.'—Prayer Book."—*Delta Sigma Nu*.

"To not be or to be."—*Shakespeare.*

"First in peace, first in war, first in the hearts of his countrymen."—*Lee.*

"Give me death or give me liberty."—*Henry.*

"Some day must be dreary and dark."—*Longfellow.*

The theologues at DePauw University have a yell which is, to say the least, startling. It is, "Hurrah, hurrah, hurrah, the gospel does away with the law; we're the Logs of old, old DePauw; a greater school none ever saw! Amen!"—*The Shield of Theta Delta Chi.*

Fourteen students, the whole chapter, were expelled from the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College recently for belonging to a college fraternity. Sigma Alpha Epsilon thus loses a good chapter at a poor institution.

The tenth biennial conclave of Kappa Sigma was held October 12, 13, and 14, at the Ebbitt House, Washington, D. C. The report of the Worthy Grand Treasurer showed that since the last conclave, chapters had been established at Johns-Hopkins, Mercer. University of Illinois, Pennsylvania State College, University of Pennsylvania, University of Michigan, Columbian University (of Washington), Southwestern Baptist University (Tenn.), U. S. Grant University (Tenn.), and Cornell. The honorary membership question was voted down after a heated discussion, the salaries of the general officers greatly increased, and a pin of uniform size and shape was adopted. The Catalogue was placed in the hands of Mr. George W. Warner, of Philadelphia, a member of the Swathmore Chapter, who was re-elected editor in chief of *Caduceus* for the coming year. Mr. Charles B. Burke, of Jackson, Tenn., was elected to the highest office in the gift of the fraternity. The convention was climaxed by the usual photo and banquet. The fraternity yell, Rah! Rah! Rah! Crescent and Star! Vive la! Vive la! Kappa Sigma. The fraternity now numbers thirty-four chapters located in sixteen States.

[Condensed from George W. Warner's report in *College Fraternity*. This was prepared for the December JOURNAL but was crowded out.]

Personals.

RECENT INITIATIONS.

SEVENTY-THREE IN NUMBER.

GAMMA.

Samuel Hendrick Abbot Atlanta, Ga.
George Gordon Stiles..... Cartersville, Ga.

EPSILON.

J. Clifton Elder..... Barnesville, Ga.

IOTA.

Robert S. Williams Sackehatchie, S. C.

XI.

Ramsey Clarke Armstrong, Jr..... Waco, Texas.
Andrew Jephtha Kincannon..... Eddy, Texas.

UPSILON.

William Donald Carmichael, Jr..... Little Rock, S. C.

PSI.

Algernon Sydney Ernest New Orleans, La.
John Edwin Rodd, Jr..... New Orleans, La.
Guy Donelson New Orleans, La.
Ludlow Buard Baynard..... Alexandria, La.
Charles Pomeroy Stone..... Clinton, La.
Harry Aldrich..... Baton Rouge, La.

OMEGA.

Henry Waller..... Lebanon, Ky.
Will T. Woodard..... Lexington, Ky.

ALPHA-BETA.

William Shepard Wood..... Florence, Ala.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

C. F. Duchein Baton Rouge, La.
E. W. Robertson..... Baton Rouge, La.

ALPHA-KAPPA.

C. B. Duncan..... Olney, Mo.
Ernest Hendrick..... Bowling Green, Mo.
Edgar McAlister... .. Bowling Green, Mo.
Walter Kimble..... Carrolton, Mo.

ALPHA-LAMDA.

Henry Skinner West..... Baltimore, Md.

T. J. Brooks is a pharmacist in Columbus.

R. ap C. Jones is a banker in Selma, Ala.

C. C. Johnson is teaching in Goodwater, Ala.

J. W. Morgan, Jr., is teaching at Florence, Ala.

G. A. Huguely is farming near West Point, Pa.

F. J. Bivens is clerk in a bank in Cordele, Ga.

J. T. McCrorey (Nu) is a merchant at Shiloh, Ga.

A. J. Burr is a hardware merchant at Griffin, Ga.

B. H. Boyd (Nu) is teaching at China Grove, Ala.

O. O. Smith (Nu) is cashier of a bank in Atlanta, Ga.

F. H. Leslie (Nu) is a clerk at Alexander City, Ala.

C. W. Simmons is teaching school at Faunsdale, Ala.

H. R. Johnstone (Nu) is studying law at Mobile, Ala.

G. C. Chapman (Nu) is an M.D. at Birmingham, Ala.

R. A. Drake is in the insurance business at Griffin, Ga.

J. W. Chapman (Nu) is farming at Simpkinsville, Ala.

A. C. Crowder is in insurance business in Birmingham, Ala.

J. T. Boyer, '90 (Omega), is at the Danville Theological Seminary.

T. R. Best, '91 (Omega), is studying law at the University of Michigan.

Montague H. Tuttle is a professional "tooth-puller" in Atlanta, Ga.

H. G. Turner, '90 (Omega), is editing the *Kentucky Methodist*, at Louisville, Ky.

J. W. Bivins (Nu) is secretary and treasurer of a Guano Company at Cordele, Ga.

R. J. H. Simmons (Nu) is "making a moderately fair living" by teaching in Ozark, Ala.

S. S. Beckner, '94 (Omega), is attending the Kentucky Wesleyan College, at Winchester, Ky.

James J. McCormick (Lambda), class of '92, with degree of M.D., is assistant House Surgeon in St. Luke's Hospital, at Richmond, Va.

William D. Macon (Lambda) is teaching in Charlottesville, Va.

Arthur McCarroll (Gamma) is Assistant City Surveyor of Augusta, Ga.

William L. Libbey (Gamma) is engaged in business at Coaldale, Ala.

G. A. Wright (Iota) is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Newberry, S. C.

R. Colston Blackford (Lambda), class of '92, is practicing law in Lynchburg, Va.

W. H. Hudson (Iota), class of '90 with degree of A. M., is now a student of Princeton.

J. E. Edwards (Iota) is assistant superintendent of the graded school at Chester, S. C.

Edgar C. McVay (Phi) is a member of the Texas Conference and is stationed at Dallas.

George T. West (Zeta, transferred to Lambda) is practicing law in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. A. H. McClure, '94 (Omega), has lately been selected City Treasurer of Kentucky's State capital.

J. R. Stevenson (Iota) holds a distinguished position on the editorial staff of the New York *World*.

W. E. McCloy, '94 (Omega), is now proprietor of the "Blue Grass Stock Agency," at Frankfort, Ky.

Robert E. Ware (Delta), class of '90, is principal of a large and growing high school at Selwood, N. C.

John White Morton (Gamma) has been so fortunate as to secure a government scholarship in Germany.

Horace Epps Walker (Rho) is assistant superintendent of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, at Fulton, Mo.

James Henry Webb, charter member of Phi, is practicing law with much success in Mobile, Ala. At a recent meeting of the board of aldermen he was elected city solicitor.

Samuel Fowle Telfair (Sigma), who was Governor Holt's private secretary, has been appointed to aid in the same capacity for the newly elected Governor Carr. Brother Telfair is a native of North Carolina and promises well politically.

Col. M. H. Crump, '94 (Beta), is superintendent of the Kentucky mines and forestry exhibit at the World's Fair.

Edward R. Hodgson, Jr. (Gamma), will engage in the cotton business at Athens, Ga., for a year or more before entering his chosen profession.

Frank Harwell (Gamma), first honor with A.M. degree, class '91, is teaching school in Alabama. His choice is the legal profession, and his admirers hope to see him enter it.

Alfred F. Harrington (Gamma), class of '90, has received the degree of M.D. from the Atlanta Medical College, and is now practicing his profession at his home in West Point, Ga.

Edward F. Lovell, Jr. (Gamma), is connected with the large firm of Lovell Sons, Savannah, Ga. Being closely related to the members of the firm, it is quite likely that our brother will soon be a partner.

Cards have been issued by the chapter at the University of Georgia for a dance on the evening of February 10, '93. Kappa Alpha at Athens leads the van socially, and this affair will be one as brilliant as college men ever enjoyed.

Frank P. Culver (Phi) occupies the pulpit in the First M. E. Church at Anniston, Ala. It is no surprise to those who remember his repeated successes at college that so early in life he is filling one of the best appointments in his conference.

John N. McCormick (Zeta) has accepted a call to be rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church at Suffolk, Va., and entered upon his duties January 17, 1893. The local papers spoke in a very complimentary manner of his first sermon.

Among the new State Board of Medical Examiners appointed by Gov. McKinney, whose commissions date from January 1, 1893, are the following: Fourth Congressional District, Samuel W. Budd (Eta), Petersburg, Va.; Sixth Congressional District, Leigh Buckner (Zeta), Roanoke, Va.

Arthur Kyle Davis (Zeta) has become exceedingly popular as the president of the Southern Female College at Petersburg. In 1888 Randolph-Macon conferred upon him the degree of A.M. and sent him forth to do her honor. The citizens of Petersburg knew his worth when they made him president of her pet institution, which under the wise administration of Brother Davis has grown and continues to flourish.

Charles M. Long (Eta) is teaching in Buckingham County, Virginia. He is eminently fitted for this profession, having given special attention to mathematics and the languages while at college. As a proof of his ability, Brother Long wears a Greek medal.

A. J. S. Thomas (Iota) has recently been made editor of the *Baptist Courier*, published at Greenville, S. C. Brother Thomas is a prominent minister, having represented his denomination in various appointments of trust and honor, and filled pulpits in the leading cities of his State.

Among the appointments made by the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Goldsboro, N. C., December 20, 1892, are: Raleigh District, Raleigh, Edonton St., John Nelson Cole (Zeta). Washington District, Roderick Belton John (Delta-Chi), Presiding Elder.

Victor Lamar Smith (Gamma) is one of the rising young lawyers of Georgia. While at college he had the distinction of leading his class for three consecutive years, winning first honor in class of '86. In '89 his college conferred upon him the degree of LL.B., and since then he has practiced law in Atlanta.

William Broadus Pritchard (Tau) has been appointed adjunct professor of mental and nervous diseases in the New York Polyclinic, a medical college for post-graduates. Brother Pritchard was born in Baltimore in 1862, entered Wake Forest College in 1878, and is now president of the New York Kappa Alpha Alumni Association.

Thomas F. Green (Gamma), known by his friends as "Fitz," and whom Bob Lee Avery is wont to call "The best boy in the world," after one year's residence in Barnesville, has permanently located at Athens, Ga. Fitz has much ability, is shrewd, industrious and attentive to his business, and is just the kind of material for a good lawyer.

When the Virginia electors met in Richmond on the 9th of January, they unanimously elected Walter Scott Copeland to be the bearer of Virginia's vote to Washington. Mr. Copeland is an alumnus of Lambda and is now editor of the *Danville Register*. He is a thorough-going democrat, a man of sound judgment and fine capacity, and has done much valuable party work. There is nothing "slow" about Copeland for he was the first messenger to report at the capitol.

Albert Latady (Lambda) who, in his address at the last Kappa Alpha convention gave the delegates such a welcome, is now practicing law in Huntsville, Ala. Brother Latady is a favorite everywhere he is known, and with his handsome face, brilliant witticisms, and legal ability, will be successful at his new residence.

William A. Little, Jr. (Lambda), is a member of the Virginia committee appointed by the Legislature of that State to confer with a similar committee appointed by the Maryland Legislature to consider the question of the boundary line of those two States on the Potomac river and the fishing privileges in Pocomoke Sound.

Julian R. Lane has accepted a position with one of the leading Georgia railroads, where he will put to a practical test his knowledge of engineering. Brother Lane was transferred from Kappa to Gamma in '89, and graduated with distinction in the class of '91. Besides being a man of genius and ability, he is an admirer of athletics, having managed the university team during his senior year.

James H. McCoy (Phi) was appointed at the last conference of the M. E. Church in Alabama to the charge at Alexandria City. Possibly no man ever left the Southern University so favored with distinction. During his college course he won the Sophomore medal, orator medal and essay medal. His admirers elected him to every position in the gift of his literary society; first, anniversarian, then champion debater; and, in his Senior year, editor of the monthly. With such ability Brother McCoy is sure to honor himself, honor his fraternity and honor the great profession to which he is so zealously devoting his time and talent.

The following is an editorial from the Richmond (Va.) *Dispatch*, of December 8, '92, which is exceedingly complimentary to one of Gamma's distinguished alumni: "The letters of Mr. Clark Howell, managing editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*, published in the *New York Herald* during the last campaign, have been reprinted in pamphlet. They are worthy of this more-enduring form. The author was matched by the *Herald* against Murat Halstead and John A. Cockerill both, and held his ground most successfully, while as a political prophet, he has proved himself to be miles ahead of those veterans of the press. The mantle of Grady has fallen upon young Howell."

Louis Coleman Morris (Lambda), class of '92, has been elected as Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy at the University of Virginia. At the age of twenty-two, this is a high compliment to our brother, and we know it to have been worthily bestowed.

The press notices given to Prof. Walter W. Brown's book, "How the Victory was Won," are numerous and complimentary. It is an account of the methods employed in 1876 in the dethronement of Chamberlain, the last carpet-bag governor of South Carolina, and the election of General Wade Hampton. In the story is a thread of love-making, sweet and interesting, but the chief interest is in the thrilling account of the red-shirt ranks marching to liberty and victory under the sublime leadership of Hampton. Prof. Brown is an initiate of Iota and was editor of the JOURNAL, 1887-1889. He is now principal of the Murfreesboro (Tenn.) Academy.

Alexander Coke Smith (Delta, '69), has been transferred by the bishops from his professorship at Vanderbilt University to Granby street church, Norfolk, Va., to fill the place of Rev. Wm. E. Evans, who resigned to join the Protestant Episcopal church. Brother Smith was Kappa Alpha convention orator in 1876, and again in 1887. He has served on the editorial staff of the JOURNAL, conducting the "Review Department." The *Norfolk Herald*, of recent date, contained the following: "For his rich depth of righteousness, the extent and variety of his knowledge, the quickness and strength of his intellect by which he is able to grasp with facility the most difficult moral problems, and force and brilliancy of his style, Rev. A. Coke Smith, D.D., will be instrumental in effecting much good."

The Vanderbilt University is a member of the Interstate Oratorical Association. This association is composed of the following institutions: University of Virginia, Washington and Lee University, University of South Carolina, University of Texas, University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn., and Vanderbilt University. Vanderbilt's representative is chosen in this manner. Each of the two societies—the Dialectic and Philosophic—elect two members to contest on the 22d of February for the right of representation. Each of the four delivers an oration on that occasion. Selected judges decide upon the one who best meets the requirements of an orator. Sam K. Bland, of Chi, has just been chosen Vanderbilt's representative in the con-

test to take place at Charleston later on. His theme was "The Curse of Effeminacy." As an orator Mr. Bland is a success. Last year he won the Young medal for oratory, and now he succeeds in winning the highest oratorical honor that can be won at Vanderbilt. Mr. Bland's style is clear, forcible, and elegant; his delivery easy and graceful, and his voice rich and melodious.

MARRIAGE.

The alumni of Iota Chapter will hear with much pleasure of the marriage of Brother H. A. Edwards, of the class of '88. On the first of December, 1892, at the First Baptist Church of Anderson, S. C., the Rev. Chas. Manly officiating, Mr. H. A. Edwards, of Darlington, S. C., was married to Miss Lucia Patrick. The bride is one of South Carolina's most charming women and has always been loyal to the colors, "crimson and gold." The groom is a prominent business man of Darlington and his people will give the wedded couple a most cordial welcome.

BEALL—HARRIS.

The marriage of Miss Virginia Overton, daughter of ex-Representative John T. Harris, to Mr. John M. Beall, of North Carolina, was celebrated to-day at noon at the residence of the bride's parents in Harrisonburg, Va., Rev. Dr. Wm. A. Harris, of Staunton, uncle of the bride, performing the ceremony. Only the immediate members of the family were present, as there were no cards. After the ceremony a breakfast was served, and Mr. and Mrs. Beall left for Washington, where they will reside. Mr. Beall is connected with the passenger department of the Richmond & Danville Railroad of that city.—*Baltimore Sun*, December 6, 1892.

Brother Beall was born in Salisbury, N. C., in '69, and attended both the University and Davidson College, of that State.

GARNETT.—Died: At "Lanefield," the family home, King and Queen County, Va., January 13, 1893, Reuben Hancock Garnett, late professor of Greek in Georgetown College, Kentucky, in the 32d year of his age. The deceased entered Richmond College in '78, was initiated by Eta in '79, and received degree of M.A. in '82. While at college he won declaimer's medal, debater's medal and philosophy medal, and was considered an exceptionally brilliant man.

Kappa Alpha was well represented in connection with the late obsequies of Associate Justice Lamar. Among the committee appointed to represent the Georgia Bar Association, at the funeral, were E. H. Calloway (Gamma), Thomas J. Chappell (Gamma), John W. Akin (Epsilon), and E. W. Martin (Delta). On the morning of the funeral Alex R. Lawton (Gamma) was one of four to deliver eulogies upon the deceased Justice. The funeral sermon was delivered by Dr. Warren A. Candler (Epsilon), President of Emory College. The press in speaking of it says: "The address of Dr. Candler was both eloquent and appropriate. He reviewed the college career of the dead Justice, and dwelt at some length upon his remarkable energy and devotion to duty. In conclusion, he paid a touching tribute to Mr. Lamar's character as a citizen and statesman."

The Greek Press.

At last the organs of the sororities have themselves given an indication of what the JOURNAL has so often intimated, and which they have so strenuously denied; and at last the JOURNAL has been vindicated.

Its views on the material, competitive, intellectual, professional, mechanical, co-educational "woman question" are not unknown to its readers. In fact, the JOURNAL has often been called to account and belabored for the opinions which it entertained and had the temerity to express; and on every such occasion its memory recurred to the days of its childhood, when, at the sound of a feminine voice bidding it present itself for chastising influence, obedience would assert itself as the one governing principle of its life. So in later days, when called up for correction by the stern yet melodious command of the presiding dignitaries of the ineffable magazines, the JOURNAL has, in all meekness and humility, obediently bared its shoulders for the burden of stripes to be laid upon them, and long and patiently has it borne the obloquy heaped upon it by these writers. Never yet has it murmured at its destiny. But the hand of retribution has been raised in its defense, and soon the pages written by the malignant press will be no more. The fact of incongruity which has always existed has asserted itself, and from the Tulane correspondent of *The Arrow* comes the exposé which is to foment discord and soon to cause disintegration. But the words themselves, stronger than they could be here put are best reproduced to point the illustration, and are as follows:

"The last initiation was undoubtedly the best we have ever held; on no former occasion did Pi Phi goat prove so frisky, and never before did our ritual seem to us so beautiful and impressive. After the mystical ceremony was over, some of our young men friends came in a body and spent the rest of the evening with us in dancing."

Now, what will mammas say, and guardians? And how is it supposed that the DePauw Chapter of Pi Beta Phi can recognize

as a member of the same organization such a body of devil-chasing women as the above would indicate? De Pauw, where the men wear wings, folded, it is true, but ready for use on the slightest provocation—what can the students of such an institution say to such dissipation? And De Pauw is not alone, either, for there are many educational institutions in this dear land of ours presided over by moral-loving faculties, and they, too, will be shocked at such conduct. *Dancing*, and with men! Why, some of these days they may actually be seen playing whist or drinking soda water with no chaperone in attendance. And look at the style of the confession, too. The Pi Phi goat was never so *frisky*. The idea of such a thing. No well-behaved goat could fail to be dignified in the presence of a lot of ladies, and it looks as if their frivolity had infused itself into even that sedate animal. And another evidence is given of the hopeless state of their silliness. "Never before did our ritual seem to us so beautiful and impressive." A frisky goat ceremony never so beautiful and impressive. They are commended to that petition to be found in the Book of Common Prayer, requesting restraint from wandering looks and undevout ways.

If a vigorous policy of cleansing the synagogues is immediately inaugurated and rigidly adhered to, Pi Beta Phi may some day regain her lost prestige, and the sororities-aspire once more to the ideal which they have so long claimed as their own. But for the present the whole list of them should be doing penance, as becomes the season, in sack-cloth and ashes, until their "Hail Marys" and paternosters have been received in exchange for their transgressions.

The JOURNAL has frequently owned to its weakness for woman-kind. It continually shows that weakness by extended reviews of the magazines published by women, even when compelled to pass over the more pretentious periodicals from the masculine pens. Of course, the JOURNAL must have fondness for Kappa Alpha, wherever found. Couple the original devotion to the sex feminine, with the love of Kappa Alpha, and it will easily appear that the *Kappa Alpha Theta* meets a hearty reception at the hands of this staff. The January number lies before us. It has a matronly appearance, where once was the delicate grace of maidenhood. This may be the result of the mesdames that appear business managers. Still retaining its original beauty of make-up, it has added a dignity of embonpoint.

The first page of this magazine is devoted to verse. It is an ode read at a banquet. Pretty good sentiment, but the writer is not an expert in securing metrical ease. Following this come some good ideas of chapter life. They are none the less interesting and important because a trifle old.

As to the quality of the next thirty pages we do not speak. Who would venture to express an opinion on this thirty-page essay on "The Dramatic Action and Motive of King John?" At least a part of it is readable, for many pages are covered with long extracts from the immortal William himself. William always said something good when covering as much territory as his words cover in this article. Will Kappa Alpha Theta take the advice of a friend and admirer? If so, stop now. Do not give so much room to such articles. Relegate the Dramatic action in King John to the shades now tenanted by that venerable interrogation: Was Hamlet mad? Fill your pages with matters of to-day; of active interest to your own fraternity and to the fraternity world. This is the only way to remain a potent factor in fraternity journalism. Do not say that no such ambition lurks within you. You who desire to see women become discontented with passive beauty and grace, and then to become potent factors in the history of the world, cannot pretend to be satisfied when the pages of your magazine attract and please, but do not help to influence the world in which it moves.

The remaining contributions are substantial and pertinent. A long array of chapter letters, and a full Exchange Department, round up what is at least the largest, if not the best issue, of *Kappa Alpha Theta*. Kappa Alpha wishes the best success to *The Kappa Alpha Theta*.

Turn to the *Anchora* of January. Every one has a right to turn trustfully to any anchor and find rest. *The Anchora* has a spirit of independent terseness that displays itself now and then. This spirit is restful, and promises that the conductors of that journal will play a star part in some life drama. What will be the nature of the drama, the JOURNAL cannot tell.

The first article attracts attention. Some sister has evidently become wearied with the haranguing of sisters who perform public duties, and she rebels against being considered as having nothing to do. In the article, *The Girl who Has Nothing to Do*, she portrays vividly the truth that oftentimes, she who the

world regards as doing nothing, does much. A simple annal of the life of a girl "who has nothing to do," speaks eloquently of the work that is done in quiet, and the good that the world reaps from such work. What man but who can testify to such work! When will it be that God will not bless such work? For he who seeth in secret will openly reward and praise.

Leona Bowman mildly protests against the tyranny of the male students under the head of "Girls in College Politics." While C. U. K., of Lambda, is surprised at such submission.

Delta Gamma is sound on the convention question, and the virulent epidemic, Chicago fever has not yet taken hold of that fraternity. Delta Gamma will hold its convention as usual. Delta Gamma means business and therefore is wise.

Generally conservative and remarkable for common sense, the *Anchora's* exchange department clamors for something new in fraternity journalism, even if it's absurd. Mediocrity seems distasteful and platitudes are obnoxious. Dear sister, remember that truth is all old, and the only safe path is the well beaten, long traveled one. Beware of innovation. Discard the desire for the original even if absurd. Cling to the old reliable. The great workers in the world continued to proclaim truth, old simple truth. The greatest political parties hold to such practice. The best religion in the world is the compilation of old and well tried principles. It may be wearisome, but it is safe, it is sure.

The November number of *The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma* proclaims that Kappa Sigma has had a bi-ennial conclave. Here's to the man who invented conclaves and conventions. If such assemblages results in no other good they enable the fraternity editor to fill his magazine with reports, speeches, sketches, and so on to infinity, or at least in the instance of *Kappa Sigma* to about thirty pages. With such a start, how can a magazine fail to be large and interesting?

The principal changes made in the affairs of Kappa Sigma related to the increase of the salaries of the officers and the abolition of the system of honorary membership. Of the first, of course the JOURNAL approves. It is becoming to every officer to pronounce the increase of salaries as highly right and proper. As to the second change, the abolition of honorary degrees: This is a matter of genuine congratulation and is significant of many things. Most important of such things is the gradual

growth of opposition to such procedure and a recognition of inherent strength, not needing the glare of borrowed greatness. Kappa Alpha long since declared against this policy and has rarely ever practiced it in the periods prior to such declaration.

The greater part of the conclave was a banquet with its accompanying speech making. Kappa Sigma's orators at least carefully prepare what they have to say. This is commendable. The speeches were no doubt good. They are taken on faith by the reviewer.

It is not out of place to remark here that few fraternity magazines have improved so much in the past few years as has *The Caduceus*. Under its present management it has developed from an existence chaotic in the extreme into a form substantial and attractive. It can be inferred that Kappa Sigma is flourishing in the best meaning of the word.

The College Fraternity not only maintains its original excellence, but it has improved considerably with the four or five months of its existence. Conducted by two of the most experienced editors known to fraternity journalism, it seems to be the product of the best thought of them both. Already the magazine has become an important factor in its field of action. How such a magazine can prosper financially is a problem that appears hard to solve. Fortunately, however, the solution is left to the proprietors themselves, and the only interest that outsiders have in the matter is to hope that it may be solved, so as to continue the publication.

Two numbers of this magazine remain unreviewed by the JOURNAL—the December and the January numbers. Both numbers are full of interesting matter.

Of course Kappa Alphas are especially interested in those institutions where Kappa Alpha chapters exist; consequently "Fraternity Life at Sewanee" is read with much interest. The article is general in tenor rather than special, and deals principally with influence exercised by the fraternities over the student body and the relations existing between the fraternities established there.

From this article it would appear that fraternities dominate "The Mountain," as the university is affectionately dubbed. Little prominence is promised to the barbarian, and it seems that so closely do the fraternities possess themselves of good material that few of the barbarians deserve

prominence. If the result is attributable to the fact that all good men belong to fraternities, then such a principle is good. If it results in the least from prejudice, and good men are from that reason not recognized, it is reprehensible. However, from the article referred to, and from actual knowledge of the situation, it would seem to be true that little good material can be found in the barbaric hordes at Sewanee.

The other item of general interest to the fraternity in this article is a statement of the Pan-Hellenic league existing between the various fraternities. The rulings of this body are accepted as final, and the code between the various chapters is strict in term and strictly observed.

The JOURNAL commends the organization of such leagues wherever fraternities exist. It would serve to promote the dignity and welfare of each organization; to give influence over the student body, and also it would increase the respect of the authorities.

"College and Fraternity Life in Georgia," gives much valuable and interesting information as to fraternity life in Georgia. The article is written by a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. It is apparently fairly and justly written. Kappa Alpha is given a high place among the fraternities at the University of Georgia, at Oxford, Ga., and at Macon. It is gratifying to know that others recognize our merit. Georgia is a stronghold for Kappa Alpha, and seems to be a stronghold for other similar Greek organizations.

In the January number the editorial department attracts special attention. The leader, on Conservatism, meets with the hearty approval of the conservative element on the JOURNAL staff.

The writer believes that it is best to err toward conservatism, than toward radicalism. The concluding paragraph is as follows:

"The conservative policy has been the best guide in fraternity growth. The promise of the present is that it will become constantly more in the general favor and the path of sounder progress. The more safeguards thrown around charter granting the better. The foundation, a Greek-letter chapter, should be an event and a mark of distinction and honor. The welfare and the character of the whole system are at stake, and an error in judgment thus committed wields an influence often unappreciated, but none the less potent."

Kappa Alpha adopted conservatism at her last convention.

The doctrine will be continued or repudiated by the next convention. The opinion expressed above is worthy of the careful consideration of every member of our Order.

The Shield of Theta Delta Chi is with us again. *The Shield* brings to mind that prince of fat men, Jack Falstaff. For *The Shield* is fat indeed. This impression is intensified by twenty pages of banquet, a good part in small type. It always was wrong for a man to speak so much of blessings he has enjoyed in the presence of one upon whom such blessings have not been showered. For humanity's sake, brother, do n't distress the hungry with such accounts. The only consolation to him who reads, but does n't eat, is that he missed the speeches, about a dozen in number, supported by a poem. In connection with the banquet Theta Delta Chi held a convention. Nothing of particular interest to the world at large was done at this convention. This is rather a good sign. Evidently Theta Delta Chi is in a prosperous condition, and *The Shield* is like unto it. *The Shield* is a marvelous monument to energy on the part of the editor, and Kappa Alpha congratulates Theta Delta Chi that Mr. Clay W. Holmes is continued as editor and manager. There is but one thing that *The Shield* should fear, aside from bankruptcy, and that is this: too great size is dangerous. It may indicate lack of compactness and solidity. Not how much a magazine contains should be the test of its rank and prestige, but what it contains. However, as a rule, *The Shield* has succeeded in doing that which no chapter correspondent has ever recognized to be possible, writing and publishing his magazine on time, and as a general thing it is substantial in many respects.

One of the most remarkably proportioned magazines that has ever visited THE JOURNAL'S table, is the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*. The contributions are spread over eight pages, while there is in reality only six pages of printed matter; while the editorials cover six pages and a half. This, with thirty-three pages of chapter letters, make up the entire issue. The editor perhaps had his own idea and followed it. If so it was a most peculiar one. Or maybe he had nothing else to publish, then it is lamentable.

The personal department and the exchange department should appear in every fraternity magazine.

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Tears.

Ah! man is like all nature after all.
So, we can see again portrayed this fact:
The laws that rule the universe are same.
And so in tears we see the season's types.

The tears of childhood shallow lie, and fall
Like rain in springtime from a mist that is
Not worth the name nor dignity of cloud.
As swiftly checked as they are swift to fall.
The tears of youth are passionate and large
As summer raindrops from the inky cloud,
With thunder's roar—outriders of the storm.
But, once the shower past, the blazing sun
Soon dries it up, and every trace removed,
Unless, perhaps, a broken branch or furrowed field
Marks the tempest's path.

The tears maturity doth shed indeed
Are copious; but tempered with philosophy.
The autumn rain is thus. It leaves its trace
Upon the garb of nature, and turns
The green to gold, which soon will turn to brown,
Then wither and decay. Then follows calm.

The tears of age continually do fall
In measured cadences for past and present both.
The heart is tender then, and tears do speak
Most fittingly the thoughts.
Like winter's rain the tears of age, I say.
All day it falls; all night, all day again;
Its sombre music fit for obligato to
The silence of deserted nature.

In childhood, youth, maturity, and age
So fall the tears of men, as falls the rain
Throughout the seasons of the passing years.
The rain is comfort to the earth alway.
God made it so.
Weep on! but never bitter tears, and see
The blessed peace and comfort tears can bring.

F. F. F.

In Defense.

BY THE LATE JOHN LESLIE HIBBARD, OF ALPHA-BETA.

[In the early fall of 1892 John Leslie Hibbard wrote the article here published and sent it to me for publication in the JOURNAL. Later on he wrote and requested that it be withheld from the press. He expressed, as a reason, some dissatisfaction with the action of the Advisory Board. Sometime afterward I wrote to him asking the privilege of publishing the article, as I deemed it a clear and an able discussion of several questions raised in the controversy over the law. In December he wrote that the article might be published with the following note:

"The views of the writer have been modified to some extent by a recent action of the Advisory Board. But the fact that the evident intent of a law may be violated by its chosen executors, is no argument against the wisdom of the law itself."

When this authority was received, those discussing the law had nearly reached an agreement as to what it should be made. And it was deemed best to let the matter rest. However, the agreement was never reached. In view of the fact that the question will come before the next convention, there to be settled, and in view of its great importance, it is well to consider carefully what is to be done. I have taken the liberty before granted me by the recently deceased member of our Order, and present his sound, forcible expressions of opinion. His devotion to the Fraternity will at once challenge attention. His language and reason speak for themselves. This is the last message from our departed brother.—JOHN BELL KEEBLE.]

The Knight Commander, in his annual report, brings forward three new objections to the law passed by the Birmingham convention in regard to the establishment of chapters. All three are technical; all seem very plausible at the first glance, and coming from such an influential source are entitled to careful consideration, which, perhaps, their intrinsic merit might not warrant.

1. Attention is called to the fact that the new law is in conflict with a certain sub-section of the constitution. It seems to me that there is really no conflict at all. On reading carefully that part of the constitution to which the K. C. refers, it is apparent that it would not be "practicable" for the K. C. to establish a chapter where the applicants for a charter had failed to take all the steps prescribed by law. Besides, does not the final clause of this sub-section limit all that goes before, thus effectually silencing all arguments on the score of technical irregularity?

2. Another conflict is alleged—this time with a clause of the ritual. Here we are again confronted by a limiting phrase. It would, of course, be impossible for anyone to obtain permission from the K. C. to establish a chapter, unless he had previously fulfilled all the requirements of the law on the subject. In reading over the ritual last year, I was struck (like Brother Ammen), by the apparent stultification of the initiate on this very point, and brought the question to the attention of Brother Willoughby, who was G. M. of Alpha-Beta at the time. He disposed of it as I have done here, and I think that the argument is sound.

3. It requires the vote of a unanimous delegation to take such action as was taken by the last biennial convention; Brother White was opposed to the measure; therefore, the said measure could not legally be adopted. Is there not a flaw in these consecutive propositions, which renders the last one incorrect? Brother White, being a member of the convention, *ex-officio*, and not being a delegate, cannot be said to form part of the delegation. In my opinion, it was the intention of those who originated Article XV., Section 1 of the constitution, that every chapter, through its accredited representative, should declare itself in favor of the proposed legislation before it could be passed; and I do not think that it was their intention that any *ex-officio* member of a convention should have the power of placing a veto on the expressed wishes of the entire number of chapters. This is surely the distinction between the terms *unanimous delegation* and *unanimous convention*; the latter includes members *ex-officio*, while the former does not. I would like to know the opinions of others on this subject, and, indeed, on all those indicated above.

Probably no action of any of our conventions has ever elicited so much discussion and been the occasion of so much hostile criticism as this same constitutional amendment adopted just a year ago. Some of the most prominent members of the Order, including the present chief executive and his predecessor, are pronounced in their opinion that the new law is unnecessary and unwise. The Knight Commander urges that it be modified in its essential features, and bases his request on two reasons, the first of which is, that it is unworkable, and will virtually prevent the establishment of new chapters. Many of us think that this is what makes the amendment most desirable; that inability to establish new chapters is a blessing, not even disguised. Already we have progressed too fast; it is time a halt

was called. Let us entrench ourselves firmly on the ground we have won; let us carefully correct all defects of internal organization; let us pay more attention to the workings and the inner condition of the individual chapters; let us become better acquainted with one another and with ourselves; give us five years to do all this, and at the end of that time repeal or essentially modify the existing law. We will then occupy, in all probability, an unique position in Greekdom; unique in self-respect, in unity, and in actual strength, which is born of unity. Then we will be in a position to continue safely our temporarily abandoned policy of extension. Just now we are not in such a position.

It is further asserted that Article XVI. of the constitution, as it now stands, is a dangerous invasion of the sphere of the K. C. What is the sphere of the K. C? Is it not to enforce the laws of the Order as enacted by the biennial conventions? Is not the K. C. simply the executive agent of the Fraternity? How, then, can it be said that the convention invaded the sphere of that official to a dangerous extent when it took from him a power which was conferred with doubtful expediency in the early days of the Fraternity, and which the representatives of all the chapters considered unexpedient for him to retain?

This whole question is interesting, and is of very great importance, for as it is decided, so will the history of the Fraternity be influenced for years to come. It is practically certain that a strong effort will be made to have the next convention return to the old system of granting charters—a system which would be safe enough under the present able and conservative administration of our affairs, but under which one incompetent official could do the Fraternity incalculable harm. Our history for the years 1877-1879 will bear me out in this statement. Let those who doubt turn to pages 350-351 of the great catalogue of '91, and read the brief notices of the old Nu, Xi, Omicron, and Pi.

The Next Convention.

I HAVE received from Eta, Alpha, Lambda, and Alpha Zeta a joint request that the next biennial convention be held in Richmond, Va. I have acceded to this request, and hereby announce the seventeenth biennial convention will meet in Richmond, Va., September 13, 1893, at 10 A.M., in one of the halls of Richmond College.

I trust that every chapter will be represented, either by an active member or by some other duly authorized person. A chapter may send as many delegates as it likes. No specific "instructions" should be given to delegates, but judicious men should be selected—men competent to weigh pros and cons upon any proposal.

The date selected will perhaps suit as many chapters as would any other that could be chosen. The following list, made last summer, indicates the date on which the session began in 1892 at each institution on our list:

Alpha—September 8.	Upsilon—September 6.
Beta—September 7.	Phi—September 20.
Gamma—September 19.	Chi—September 21.
Delta—October 1.	Psi—September 30.
Epsilon—September 21.	Omega—September 8.
Zeta—September 15.	Alpha Alpha—August 4.
Eta—September 22.	Alpha Beta—October —
Theta—September 14.	Alpha Gamma—October 3.
Iota—September 28.	Alpha Delta September 1.
Kappa—September, 23.	Alpha Epsilon—September 14.
Lambda—September 15.	Alpha Zeta—October 1.
Mu—October —	Alpha Eta September 7.
Nu—September 14.	Alpha Theta—September 12.
Xi—September 12.	Alpha Iota—September 7.
Omicron—September 28.	Alpha Kappa—September 8.
Sigma—September 8.	Alpha Lambda—October 1.

Study of these dates shows that no date will suit any great number of chapters.

S. Z. AMMEN, V. C.

The Convention's Work.

IN my article in this number of the JOURNAL, on "The Year's Work So Far," I have shown that the affairs of the order are at present in good condition. The editor-in-chief, the G. P. and the G. H. are zealous, able and painstaking officers, whose industry is fast bringing system into all our workings, and the K. C. is trying to the best of his poor ability to keep up with them. It is perhaps not too much to say that the fraternity is now, as a whole, moving on lines satisfactory to its thoughtful membership. The sense of unity is stronger than ever before. Co-operation for the common interest is everywhere a growing habit. The general officers receive the support of the chapters and the chapters are stimulated to right action by the suggestions and influence of the general officers.

This being the case it is well to inquire whether the present happy state of things is likely to continue—whether it is due to our possession of a full, comprehensive code of laws which guide our officers sufficiently to the performance of their duties, or is chiefly due perhaps to fleeting and accidental conditions. What would happen if the next general officers should be men of less experience and zeal? What would happen if the "executive orders," under which so many of our most important proceedings are now carried on, should lapse, as they might very readily if not appreciated and renewed by a future K. C? So long as the present almost indispensable system of C. S. and P. reports to the K. C., the system of C. H. reports, etc., introduced by the present G. H., the ANNUAL CATALOGUE, the *annual* report of the K. C., with *annual* reports to the K. C. from the other general officers—so long, I say, as these and other necessary things are not in our law book but only in the will of your present general officers, it is clear that our present system of doing things lacks elements of permanency. We cannot be safe till these and other good customs are anchored in unchangeable statutes.

Does our law in its present state of development define with sufficient fullness and clearness the duty of every officer? Is the C. S., able to find in the constitution of 1886, an adequate

specification of the duties he is called upon to perform to-day? Does the existing code tell him what the K. C. wants him to do? Does it provide a means of reaching him in case he neglects the requirements of the K. C. or editor?

Like questions may be asked as to the law under which the pursuer at present acts. Is it full, is it clear, is it sufficient? Does it define in a helpful way his duty to his chapter, or to the fraternity?

And the C. H? Is there sufficient guidance for him in the present law, should he be a conscientious officer, anxious to know and do his duty? Does the law require him to send out alumni circulars and blanks? Does it require him to keep the chapter register up to date? Does it tell him when and how he is to report to the G. H?

Not at all. His duties like most of the duties of C. S's and pursers, are performed in obedience to decrees of the present K. C., and may be dropped if a future K. C. neglects for want of a law to insist on their performance.

On the other hand, are the duties of the general officers sufficiently defined. Is there not need of a more precise account of the G. P's duties? Are not the functions of the G. H. important enough to call for a better definition? And the K. C. himself? Should he not have made it obligatory upon him to keep up the present system of reports, the ANNUAL CATALOGUE, and all the other good things that now rest not in law but in his will? Let him in the future originate other good things, but by all means let us forbid him to permit what we have to go into innocuous desuetude.

The relations of the general officers to each other and their relations to the chapters and to the several officers of the chapters, are they all at present adequately defined? And is there nothing in the chapters themselves—no matter of detail—that admits of better regulation?

As to the arrangement and modes of expression employed in the existing statutes there is general agreement, it is believed, that they admit of improvement. The present constitution is the constitution of Alpha. Addition have been made to it by successive conventions, but it still shows traces of the time when the K. C. was an officer of Alpha and subject to the orders of its G. M. A more methodic and logical arrangement is required, in recognition of present facts.

The edition of the constitution (1886) now in use does not

contain, of course, the acts of the conventions of 1887, 1889, and 1891, and a new codification is imperatively required. Our present arrangements are in many particulars different from those described in the constitution in the hands of the chapters. The result is that few chapter officers know what is required of them.

Our operations are at present conducted under guidance of

I. The constitution of 1886, as modified by

II. The acts of the conventions of 1887-89-91

III. The orders of the K. C.

IV. Traditional usage.

The greater part of our working machinery, as recently expanded and improved falls under III. The part included in IV is known fully only to our older chapters. There is evident need to revise our printed constitution, which is but a fragment of our actual constitution.

In a revision what rule are we to observe? My answer would be this: Change nothing; aim merely to perfect what we have. We want no revolution. We desire mainly to perpetuate the system now in use, improving its details but altering nothing that is characteristic. Define the duties of officers more fully. Fill up a few small gaps. Add what is necessary to round out our scheme of government—to make it more effective—but destroy nothing. Make permanent what is good in existing usages by giving it the sanction of law. Everybody is pleased with the way things are now done. All we need is to make this “way” law and to improve the details of present methods so that what is now done well may be done better and automatically.

The test to be applied to a revision is this: Would it alter materially our existing practices? Would it change anything so that an old Kappa Alpha would find an old institution abolished or a new principle introduced? If this test cannot be met we want a different revision. It is not necessary, of course, that a revised code should follow slavishly the text of the old code. That text needs improvement. It is enough that the old ideas are there, and that after revision the Order's work shall go on precisely as before, only with fewer hitches.

I have prepared on these principles a new code to submit to the next convention. It is “new” only in form, as its substance is the present usage improved in minor details. I shall by the advice of general officers and other active Kappa Alphas submit the proposed code to the convention in printed form, so that it

may be the more easily considered by the convention. I shall ask the convention to adopt it, with such modifications as the convention in its superior wisdom may see fit to make. It is a systematic and comprehensive scheme, consistent with itself, designed to facilitate the fraternity's work.

I shall, perhaps, suggest some verbal changes in the opening ceremonies, and propose trifling additions and modifications in the ritual, but nothing altering their present character. If the convention accepts them, well. If not, well. The convention is infallible.

In view of the importance of the business to be considered, the next convention will probably be a memorable one in our annals. It will be well attended. Never before have so many old Kappa Alphas looked forward with eagerness to the biennial reunion.

S. Z. A., K. C.

Chapters and Charters.

TO a reader desiring to ascertain the seniority of the chapters of the Order, a perusal of past publications would not give him a very clear idea of the subject. In the catalogues of the Order some of the charter dates are entirely omitted, others are given incorrectly, and in no publication have they been given in detailed order. This, like many other defects, is attributable chiefly to the negligent keeping of records heretofore indulged in. In some cases, the charters having been lost or destroyed, there was no way in which to verify the date, and in other cases the date of organization and the charter date being different has led to confusion.

A special effort has of late been made to ascertain the dates borne upon the charters, and where that from any cause was impossible, to settle upon some date which could be looked upon as approximately the time of the birth of the chapter. A list of the chapters in order of their seniority has been entered in the records of the G. H., and the dates there found will, in the future, be considered as the official ones.

An examination of this list shows the following to be the order of the chapters, with their date and location. The date given is that of the original charter, the matter of re-chartered chapters being mentioned in another paragraph:

Alpha—Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.....	Dec. 21, 1865.
Beta—Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.....	March 8, 1868.
Gamma—University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.....	April 6, 1868.
Delta—Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.....	Feb. 23, 1869.
Epsilon—Emory College, Oxford, Ga.....	June 4, 1869.
Zeta—Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.....	Nov. 26, 1869.
Eta—Richmond College, Richmond, Va.....	March 18, 1870.
Theta Prime—Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Ga.....	Jan. 31, 1871.
Iota—Furman University, Greenville, S. C.....	May 8, 1872.
Kappa—Mercer University, Macon, Ga.....	Nov. 8, 1873.
Lambda—University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.....	Nov. 18, 1873.
Mu Prime—Newberry College, Walhalla, S. C.....	Nov. 26, 1873.
Nu Prime—Pa. College of Dental Surg., Philadelphia, Pa.....	Nov. 22, 1877.
Xi Prime—Virginia A. & M. College, Blacksburg, Va.....	April 8, 1878.
Omicron Prime—Bethel Academy, Fauquier County, Va....	
Pi Prime—Gordon Institute, Barnesville, Ga.....	April 18, 1879.
Sigma—Davidson College, Mecklenburg County, N. C.....	Feb. 18, 1880.
Rho—South Carolina College, Columbia, S. C.....	Dec. 20, 1880.
Tau—Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.....	Jan. 8, 1881.
Upsilon—University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C....	Nov. 25, 1881.
Psi—Tulane University, New Orleans, La.....	Jan. 14, 1882.
Phi—Southern University, Greensboro, Ala.....	Jan. 17, 1882.
Chi—Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.....	April 9, 1883.
Omega—Centre College, Danville, Ky.....	Sept. 12, 1883.
Theta Second—S. C. Military Academy, Charleston, S. C....	October 1, 1883.
Omicron—University of Texas, Austin, Texas.....	October 5, 1883.
Mu—Erskine College, Due West, S. C.....	Nov. 14, 1883.
Nu—Polytechnic Insti. A. & M. College, Auburn, Ala.....	Nov. 24, 1883.
Xi—Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas.....	Nov. 28, 1883.
Pi—University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.....	Dec. 1, 1883.
Alpha-Alpha—University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.....	Dec. 1, 1883.
Alpha-Beta—University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.....	June 17, 1885.
Alpha-Gamma—Louisiana State Uni., Baton Rouge, La.....	July 14, 1885.
Alpha-Delta—William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.....	Jan. 26, 1887.
Alpha-Epsilon—S. W. Pres. Uni. Clarksville, Tenn.....	Nov. 16, 1887.
Alpha-Zeta—William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va.....	Jan. 3, 1890.
Alpha-Eta—Westminster College, Fulton, Mo.....	Jan. 28, 1890.
Alpha-Theta—.....	April 9, 1891.
Alpha-Iota—Centenary College, Jackson, La.....	Sept. 14, 1891.
Alpha-Kappa—Missouri State University, Columbia, Mo....	Sept. 30, 1891.
Alpha-Lambda—Johns Hopkins Uni. Baltimore, Md.....	Oct. 21, 1891.
Theta—State College of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.....	Feb. 21, 1893.

To these must be added the alumni chapters, six in number:

Macon, Ga.....	Dec. 18, 1869.
Augusta, Ga.....	1889.
Norfolk, Va.....	Jan. 13, 1891.
Richmond, Va.....	July 10, 1891.
New York, N. Y.....	1891.
Raleigh, N. C.....	July 18, 1892.

There is also a large "Association" of resident Kappa Alphas at Atlanta, Ga., but they have no charter as a chapter.

These dates, being in many cases at variance with those furnished by the C. H.'s to the committee of the Catalogue of 1891, an explanation will not be out of place.

December, 1865, has always been the rather vague date fixed for the establishment of Alpha, and, therefore, for the birth of the Order. For various reasons, the 21st day of that month is supposed to be the correct day and, unless there is produced some very good evidence to the contrary, that will in future be the date set down. Gamma is recorded as established in 1869, whereas, in fact, it initiated in 1868 the founders of Epsilon. The correct date, taken from old catalogues, is April 6, 1868. Epsilon's historian announces his chapter as established in the fall of 1869, but the chapter is a few months older, having been organized June 4. Zeta omits the day of the month, which is the 26th. Theta Prime is reported in the Catalogue of 1891 as established 1870. I have recently recovered the charter, which has been lost for twenty years, and find the date given thereon to be January 31, 1871. Iota's date is given as both January 18 and June 18, 1872, in former publications, but the C. H. reports May 8 as correct. Kappa, having lost its charter, gave October 5, 1873, as the date of its first initiation. All former catalogues agree upon November 8 as the date of the charter, and I have directed the C. H. so to enter it.

Omicron Prime is supposed to have been chartered in September or October, 1878, but nothing can be heard of its charter or records. This will be touched upon in a future article. The charter members of Pi Prime were initiated April 18, 1879, and as its charter is also lost, I have adopted this as the correct date. Sigma's charter reads February 18, 1880. It was organized March 6, and not May 6 as the Catalogue says. Rho's charter bears date December 20, 1880, and not January 1881. Phi's organization dates from January 17, 1882—"Spring of 1882" being the rather indefinite expression used in the Catalogue of 1891. Omega's C. H. should have given the date as September 12, 1883, and not December, 1883. A search for the early minutes and charter of Theta Second (S. C. M. A.) has resulted in their not being found. It is supposed that the charter has been burned, so October 1, 1883, will have to be accepted as the correct date of the chapter.

Omicron's date is ascertained to be October 5, 1883. Nu's

charter reads, November 24, 1883, and not November 23. The charter of Pi cannot be found, so December 1, 1883, will be considered correct.

The Macon alumni chapter is recorded in the Catalogue of 1891 as established July 18, 1870, and on the same page it is reported as initiating a member in December, 1869. From old records I feel justified in fixing the date of establishment as December 18, 1869. The Augusta chapter was established in 1889, and not in 1879. It was organized to entertain the fifteenth convention, and the actions of that convention being deemed hostile to alumni chapters, it thereupon disbanded. Neither of these two chapters were ever chartered. Alpha-Iota, Alpha-Kappa, Alpha-Lambda, Theta, and the New York and Raleigh alumni chapters having been chartered since the summer of 1891 are not reported in the Catalogue of 1891.

Some of the chapters have, since the issuance of their original charters, received a second charter, but I don't think that this has ever been considered as constituting them different chapters from the one formerly existing at the *same place* and of the *same name*. Alpha, after several years of inactivity, was revived and received a charter of date March 10, 1875. After a subsequent state of inactivity it again resumed work under this charter. Kappa, having lost its original charter, was granted a new one, dated April 27, 1885. Upon the occasion of the reorganization of Tau a new charter was applied for, and received, dated December 10, 1889. A new charter was sent out to Epsilon, when it was revived, October 9, 1881, but the original has been found since then, and the new one has been recalled.

On the occasion of the death and subsequent revival of Theta Second, Iota, Phi and Psi, it was not deemed necessary to issue new charters, and in every such case I think that the chapter is considered as dating its life from the date of the granting of its original charter.

It will be seen that we have had in all forty-two active chapters and six alumni, the active chapters being distributed by States as follows: Virginia, 8; South Carolina, 6; Georgia, 5; Tennessee, 4; North Carolina, 3; Louisiana, 3; Kentucky, 3; Alabama, 3; Missouri, 3; Texas, 2; Pennsylvania, 1; Maryland, 1.

Our one Northern chapter is hardly entitled to the name of a chapter, as it was never allowed to go further than the initiation of three charter members.

Eleven chapters, over 38 per cent., are dead, namely, Zeta, Theta Prime, Mu Prime, Nu Prime, Xi Prime, Omicron Prime, Pi Prime, Rho, Tau, Theta Second and Pi, besides two out of the six alumni chapters. At some future time I hope to be able to give a short sketch of each of these chapters as concerns the cause of their death; also the causes of the temporary suspension of some of the chapters now living.

The Alpha, of course, had no original charter, nor did the Beta or the Gamma have one from a K. C., as that office did not exist at the time of their establishment. The charters of Beta and Gamma were granted by the Alpha Chapter. The charters of the other chapters were granted by the K. C.'s, as follows:

S. Z. Ammen—Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta, Theta Prime, Alpha-Kappa, Alpha-Lambda, Theta, New York and Raleigh—10.

J. S. Candler—Theta Second, Mu, Nu, Xi, Omicron, Pi, Upsilon, Phi, Chi, Psi, Omega, Alpha-Alpha, Alpha-Beta, Alpha-Gamma—14.

W. W. Collins—Iota—1.

J. L. Hardeman—Kappa, Lambda, Mu Prime—3.

D. R. Neal, Jr.—Nu Prime, Xi Prime, Omicron Prime, Pi Prime, Rho, Sigma, Tau—7.

J. L. Whitworth—Alpha-Delta—1.

P. B. Hamer—Alpha-Epsilon—1.

H. H. White—Alpha-Zeta, Alpha-Eta, Alpha-Theta, Alpha-Iota, Norfolk and Richmond—6.

The other two alumni chapters (Macon and Augusta) were not chartered as stated above, but were organized; the Macon during the term of S. Z. Ammen, and the Augusta during that of P. B. Hamer. Hardeman issued a charter to Alpha in 1875; Candler a second to the Kappa in 1885; White to Tau in 1889; and Ammen to Upsilon in 1891. (See above.)

Candler has granted over one-fourth of all the charters issued. Rogers, Wadsworth, Stern, Wallace, and Graves never signed their names as K. C. to a charter. Upsilon, Phi, Chi, and Psi were chartered during the term for which Graves was elected, but, he having resigned, Candler issued the charters as *acting* K. C. Ammen has the distinction of having issued the first and last charter signed by a K. C.

The time of greatest activity in chartering seems to have been the session of 1883-84, during the fall of which eight charters were granted. The time of least activity was the four years which elapsed between the establishment of Lambda and Mu—

November 26, 1873, to November 22, 1877. The greatest of recent date was the twenty-five months between Alpha-Epsilon and Alpha-Zeta.

In naming chapters the alphabet seems to have been followed in regular order until we find Rho, instead of preceding Sigma, was established two weeks afterwards by members of Sigma. Again we find Phi, Chi, and Psi in disarranged order.

TAZEWELL TAYLOR HUBARD, Grand Historian.

April 1, 1893.

The Higher Aims.

IT is not necessary to ask whether, in the beginning, fraternities were established for higher purposes than social intercourse and the building up of college friendships. It is sufficient that the development of the past half century has brought forth other aims than these, which, for lack of better name, are called higher aims, and it is safe to say that in the minds of the majority of fraternity men of the present period, these higher aims predominate. Men are not accustomed to inquire whether the poet began his poem with divine inspiration to breathe some immortal truth; they are satisfied if he did breathe such truth. Thus it is that the poet lives in what he did rather than what he first intended to do. Men estimate men rather by achievement than by purpose. So it is true, no matter for what fraternities originally were begun, we are to-day confronted with them, scattered over the American college world, striving for higher things than mere social pleasure, and urging men to nobler efforts than the gathering of so-called college honors by well organized schemes and plots. The men who stand close enough to such organizations to know their purposes, are all agreed that there is struggling the desire which becomes effort to make broad-minded, high-souled, great-hearted men.

No matter what the name, the form of words that holds the creed, it is safe to say that the majority of all fraternities are striving for the same end, battling for the same victory, running to the same goal.

It is but right to give the outside world some tangible information as to these aims. The outside world may have no right to know, but withholding such knowledge from this out-

side world gives them the right to doubt our purpose. Doubt once come, it is a repetition of every principle of human nature that ill is believed rather than good.

In the first place, the fraternity cherishes, fosters, and keeps before the members an ideal friendship. Holding that friendship up in the best light before all and pressing it into the heart of every member. This is no idle thing. He who goes through life without experiencing such an ideal friendship has not learned one of the sweetest and one of the most ennobling lessons that men ever learn. This friendship rises higher than gay association that makes brighter the hours spent together and thrills the being with hilarity at the banquet board. This friendship takes hold upon the heart, and in loneliness, sorrow, and disappointment, it fulfills its best mission and rises to its highest office. This friendship brings the man into the heart, in prosperity or adversity; in peace or tumult; in joy or sorrow; in youth or age. The foundation of this friendship is congeniality. Unlikes may respect each other, they can never love. This is the thing which magnifies the fraternity fellowship, because men choosing their likes begin at once to cultivate them. Spurred on at first, maybe, by artificial means, yet bending to it, it soon goes on of itself, and faster, too. A great many people scoff at the friendship thus formed; that which is contracted, they say. Friendship, they declare, should be spontaneous. In this there is much truth and much fallacy.

In answer to this it need only be said here that in choosing a member is chosen one who appeals to the nature of the choosers by some congeniality. There is a liking at the first. The artificial comes in this: Out of the way of progress of the friendship thus begun by nature, agreement removes everything that would tend to block it up. There have been many friendships broken because men would not yield something each to the other; because men are selfish and will not forgive; because men, however bound by higher laws, seem not to understand that they must obey these laws. The smitten cheek calls forth from men a smiting in return, and so pride and anger break up the relations heretofore existing. The Galilean recognized the higher law and knew that the turning the other cheek would stir in the smiter's heart a consciousness of his own sin and thus would lead to reconciliation. While men are conscious or such truth, yet in the hot period of youth the laws that restrain are usually those declared by men. So it is that the writ-

ten and unwritten code of fraternities restrains resentment, and thus nips feuds and hatred in the germ.

One of the great evils of human nature is selfishness. Rooted in the temper of men, or breathed the atmosphere which surrounds them from birth, whatever principle it is placed upon the bold fact that it exists stares us ever in the face. More nations have fallen, more sins have been committed, more lives have been degraded by selfishness than by any other vice that lays hold on mankind. In the college world, peopled by youth, the formative period of character, selfishness is ever present. There we find the fraternities taking hold upon young men, and in their behalf doing continuous battle against selfishness. Not, perhaps, always trying to throw out selfishness, but striving against it in the most approved manner, planting unselfishness in the heart and cultivating it. It is too well settled to need repetition that the best way to combat evil is to fix the mind and heart on something good.

The fraternities teach men to give up to each other; to rejoice truly in another's victory, even if it means to defeat to them. If such joy is never felt, the other feeling finds no utterance. Each time that feeling is smothered, so much has its power been decreased.

Some say that fraternities, while becoming unselfish, as far as those of their own Order are concerned, grow more selfish and narrow as to those with whom they are thrown, at least, do not act in an unselfish manner to them. In the first place, long experience in fraternity affairs in college, and out of college, has convinced me that such a proposition is not true. This much may be true, that many fraternity men are no more unselfish to those without their fraternity than they would have been had they not joined their Order. It is a fact that the most selfish, unscrupulous men, who attended college with me, were of that portion of the student body who were called "barbarians."

It is absolutely true that this difference always existed between the selfish "Greek" and the selfish "barbarian." The selfish Greek was unselfish when those of his own chapter were concerned, and would cheerfully give up to them; while the selfish barbarian never knew what unselfishness was, nor ever practiced self-sacrifice toward any fellow student.

If the fraternity man was not unselfish, save to his fraternity men, and if he was truly unselfish toward them, that in itself is good. But it is more—the true fraternity man is not selfish

toward anyone, and the aim of the fraternity is to destroy selfishness. To be unselfish toward one person helps unconsciously to reach general unselfishness.

Not only do the fraternities tend to make men unselfish, but they tend to make them generous. The unselfish man in ordinary parlance is he who does not care to have too much for himself, and will not strive to take from others that which rightfully belongs to them; and, failing to receive, has not dislike for him who does receive. The generous man is more than this. He helps others to attain to that which they desire, and gives up to others that which he has right to. The true fraternity strives to inculcate generosity.

The true fraternity magnifies duty, and points men to their duties in college affairs, in fraternity affairs, and in life. It is necessary to the good standing of a chapter that the members of that chapter should do well the duties that are imposed upon them by their connection with the college where it is situated. A fraternity, to have prestige, must have men who stand well in every walk of college life, men of character and influence. It is necessary to the health of the chapter that each man perform the duties imposed upon him by the chapter. These necessities awaken men to responsibility; and each man, realizing that not only he must do his duty, but that every member must do his duty in these respects, urges and exhorts his co-members to do well all that is required of them as students and as members of the chapter.

Men who do their duty in one respect are likely to do their duty in all things.

In practice fraternities urge the performance, in theory they teach the importance of doing all duty well. To meditate upon right is healthful and helpful. He who honestly meditates and believes in right theories will thereby become a better man.

The fraternities not only deal with individual qualities, but they deal in generalities. The fraternity man is taught that strength should protect weakness; to set truth and honor up as models of life. The fraternities are gradually drifting into a great school, which teaches the superiority of mind, soul, and heart over that which is gross and material. The uplifting of the nature, and gazing up at the pure and the sublime until a desire to reach to it, inspires effort; and effort brings at least some attainment. No doubt individuals can reach the same end, can have the same purpose; yet there is something in being

united in a great pursuit. Men banded together, striving together, receive strength from the strength of each other. It is a well settled principle that there is a certain definite strength that comes from the proper combination of strength, and it is well settled that when this combination is not made this strength is lost and wasted.

The fraternities teach philanthropy in its broadest sense. They strive to inculcate the brotherhood of all mankind. This may sound quite great, and many may laugh at such a boast. The laugh is the laugh of the ignorant—those who have never known the influence of a real college fraternity. Oftentimes the principle of the brotherhood of man that takes root is small, and often it is large; but, large or small, it grows and bears fruit. It is the aim of fraternities to teach this brotherhood, to live this brotherhood. The recognition of the brotherhood of man and the practical application of it is the only sure solution to the many vexed problems that present themselves to-day. Everything that tends to imbue men with this principle, and to urge them to apply it, is noble in itself.

These are a few of the higher aims of the college fraternities, not to mention the urging forward to scholarship and high position among the student body. The ideal fraternity man is a scholar and broad-minded man. He values things correctly, and seeks the most valuable. All over the continent little bands of men are striving to reach the ideal life, to fit themselves for the great struggle with the world, looking up to that which is sublime and beautiful until it is photographed upon their souls. Reverencing duty, justice, and truth, and holding fast to friendship's loving ties, carrying the sweet incense of youthful associations through the great chancel of life, at last to swing the censer at the great altar, death, to sweeten the earth side of that dividing line.

No system in college life has been so discountenanced, and yet no system has so successfully survived and triumphed. Only a few institutions hold out against it. To-day we must overcome opposition by worth rather than revolt. The *sub rosa* chapter is a thing of the past; an implement inexcusable in this day of strength and regard for rules and rights.

By upright conduct, by steady zeal in striving to achieve the right, by always performing a student's part and urging others so to do, by rising upon petty rivalries and unbecoming bickering, by cultivating all that is pure and noble in man and

putting virtue into practice can the fraternities live down all criticism and become universally recognized as instruments of good in fashioning the character of mankind.

A Query.

FOR his own information and that of others who may be in ignorance, the writer would like to ask, Are the titles of our chapter and other officers supposed to be secret? If so, the secret bids fair to be an open secret in the near future if it is not so already. It was formerly the custom (and is yet with some chapters) to designate the officers by numbers simply, instead of by the initial letters of their respective titles, in chapter letters and other contributions sent to the JOURNAL. But now the latter custom is followed by the majority of chapter correspondents, and in a recent issue of the JOURNAL one title was even spelled out in full. Now the question is this, If the titles are secret, why not keep them secret, but if not, why not spell them out in full every time?

PAUL BERGHAUNS, A. A.

The Year's Work So Far.

MY reports, with several chapters yet to be heard from, indicate an aggregate active membership at present (March 30) of 416. As the session began with 207 members, the gain of the session has been 209. The total for the whole session of 1892-93 will probably exceed largely that of 1891-2, which was 429.

I am gratified to be able to announce a continued growth of a spirit of devotion to the interests of the fraternity at large. The sense of unity and habit of co-operation are being extended and strengthened. The activity of the general officers in their several spheres has had the effect of consolidating the Order, and destroying the idea that any chapter could exist apart from the others, isolated, independent and indifferent to the common interest. The growing sense of responsibility to the central authority for the performance of prescribed duties is indicated by the

greater promptitude and regularity with which reports are made to the K. C., the G. H. and the G. P. There is a steady and most gratifying improvement in this respect. Individual chapters, here and there, lag behind their sisters in the march of progress, but even these, I am glad to say, begin to step forward at a brisker pace. In February every chapter but Omicron and Alpha-Theta was heard from. In February Omicron was the only chapter at fault. In December, for the first time in our history, *every chapter of the Order* sent in a report. What this means only those who have filled the office of K. C. can fully understand.

In December Pursers' reports were received from *every* chapter. C. S. reports were wanting from Delta, Iota, Omicron, Phi, Psi, Alpha-Gamma, Alpha-Epsilon and Alpha-Eta.

In January every chapter was heard from except Omicron and Alpha-Theta. C. S. reports were wanting from Gamma, Delta, Eta and Alpha-Beta and Purser's report from Alpha-Lambda.

In February every chapter was heard from except Omicron. C. S. reports were wanting from Alpha-Gamma, Alpha-Delta, Alpha-Epsilon and Alpha-Theta, and Pursers' reports from Kappa and Lambda.

In March (to 30th) reports have been received from all chapters except Upsilon, Omega, Alpha-Gamma and Alpha-Theta. C. S. reports are wanting from Phi and Alpha-Kappa, and Pursers' reports from Alpha, Kappa, Lambda, Alpha-Beta and Alpha-Lambda.

It will be noted that certain chapters continue to neglect to do their whole duty to the Fraternity, though the great majority are giving full attention to all interchapter obligations. From Omicron, for example, but six of twelve reports due this session have been received. From Alpha-Theta but three (of twelve reports due) have been received. Lambda and Omega have paid less than 30 per cent. of the amount of their dues to the General Fund. Alpha-Kappa, too, I regret to say, seems to be falling into the rut of chronic delinquency—permitting others to pay the Order's expenses.

I note that Gamma, which seldom fails in any part of duty, has *already* paid its dues for April. It suspends and expels members that neglect to pay. Gamma's virtues are of the Spartan order.

The *Annual Catalogue* will be edited again this year by Mr.

Wm. S. Hamilton, whose interest in the Fraternity is equalled only by his industry in its service. I call upon chapter officers to see to it that page 2 of the C. S. report—containing names, etc., of *all members* on the roll *this session*—is filled out fully and promptly on April 1, inasmuch as the quarterly reports form the basis upon which the editor of the *Annual Catalogue* must work. If he, by letter, requires further facts, I trust the chapters will supply them promptly.

I request every chapter to send me a copy of its By-Laws. They will be most useful in framing a code of By-Laws for general use.

I have to announce to the Kappa Alpha family the interesting fact of the birth, February 21, at the State College of Kentucky, Lexington, of a new sister—Theta. Vigorous from the start, Theta began with seven members, which she has already increased to twelve, with a prospect of further growth. Till recently there was an anti-frat. law at the college, so that the new chapter has so far but one rival, if so many as one. The character of the institution we thus honor, its endowment, attendance, etc., were described in the last JOURNAL. It seems abundantly clear that Theta is to have an ample and permanent home. The members seem to have caught already something of the true Kappa Alpha spirit of resolute regard for duty. They desire to share the burdens as well as the benefits of the Fraternity. They have already gone to work on their Chapter Register, and on March 1, paid their dues to the General Fund. I commend Theta to the fraternal love of the Order. The chapters will know how to welcome her to their circle.

It will be observed that the name of an extinct chapter has been given to the new chapter. It is the proper policy, I think, to fill up all gaps in our ranks as soon as we feel assured that circumstances preclude the hope of a revival of an extinct chapter. It is to be feared that the name of Rho will accordingly have to be given to our next new chapter.

Pi will probably be revived at an early date, thanks to the exertions of Mr. Albert Blanton, of Marion, N. C. Only an accident permitted its revival with eight good men on the 10th of the present month.

On the 18th a member of Eta, assisted by two alumni and one transfer (Mr. Williams, of Upsilon), initiated at Randolph-Macon College a good man—Mr. Twitty. Thus there are now

two Kappa Alphas at that institution who will return next session. As Brothers Blackwell and Taylor expect to return next session, the revival of Zeta already seems assured.

The fact is, the Kappa Alpha fraternity is now so large, so full of spirit, so resolved to occupy its own territory, that it is pressing forward irresistibly to every eligible position. Not only its "active" members, but its recent alumni also are militant, and "the new law" barely suffices to prevent the chartering of good chapters at several desirable places. The time has gone by when the Order was content to surrender any good college to its rivals.

S. Z. AMMEN, K. C.

March 30, 1893.

Higher Mathematics.

Two and two make five, say I.
 This truth is as plain as day. For why?
 The whole is more than the sum I take
 Of the parts;
 Thoughts, feelings, passions do not make
 Human hearts;
 Sums are not wholes
 With flowers and souls!
 So two and two make five, say I!

NORMAN DE LAGUTRY.

Leaves From the Historian's Ledger.

IN my article in the last JOURNAL, on "Catalogue Corrections," I called attention to the fact that there was doubt upon some of the points mentioned therein. My object in publishing these uncertain matters was twofold. First, I desired that if my ideas were right they should be known, and, secondly, if wrong that some one might be found to correct them. In one or two of the latter cases I have been successful.

The three names mentioned as omitted from the roll of Kappa were those of George P. Jones, Thomas H. Kilpatrick and H. N. Lane. The first two were taken from a chapter letter of Kappa, in Vol. III. No. 1, of the JOURNAL, and the latter from

Vol. IV., No. 4. I reported these names to the C. H. of Kappa both this session and last, and asked for an explanation of their omission, if omissions they were. No reply was ever received, but upon the publication of my article in the JOURNAL, W. H. Kilpatrick, of Blakely, Ga., wrote me as follows: That the names of George P. Jones and Thomas H. Kilpatrick should have been Thomas H. Jones and George P. Kilpatrick, and that H. N. Lane should have been A. W. Lane, all of which names are mentioned in the catalogue, 91. These three names must therefore be omitted from the number of *new* names to be added to the rolls of the order.

For the information of the readers of the JOURNAL, I will mention here other matters that have come up in my official correspondence between February 1 and April 1.

Additional contributions to the safe fund have been received from D. R. Neal, Jr., E. C. Smith, N. B./Tucker, H. T. Burnley, W. M. Drake, G. S. Livingstone, C. Howell, L. P. Smith, G. D. Letcher, G. R. Dupuy, W. F. Pearson, C. N. Burch, W. N. Scott, J. L. Hubbard, J. S. Smith, S. G. Cumming, D. L. Wilkinson, A. M. Smith, J. A. Williams, G. S. Lincoln, W. C. McLeod, J. S. Aiken, W. A. Ross, J. F. Blackwell, R. C. Taylor, E. W. Turner, H. H. White, A. C. Smith, H. C. Davis, Eta, Beta, Gamma, Chi, Iota, Omicron, Delta and Alpha-Alpha. It is to be hoped that chapter pride will cause some of the other chapters to add their names to this list. There is still a balance to be made up and any and all contributions will be gladly received and acknowledged.

An effort is being made to get from each chapter a report of the number of rituals in their possession of the editions of 1874 and of 1886. The edition of 1870 was called in and destroyed upon the issue of the 1874 edition, but this step was overlooked when the 1886 edition was put in use. Of the two latter editions, 1874 and 1886, many copies are missing, and this carelessness has shown the necessity of an annual report from the chapters as to this class of property. I will suggest to the next convention that in future each of these books be numbered, that the G. H. alone shall have the authority to issue them upon an order from the K. C., that he keep a list of all such as are issued, and once a year, or oftener, require a report from all chapters, officers or individuals holding such books as to their whereabouts.

In looking up the matter of charter dates I was confronted with the fact that between July 27, 1881, and June 13, 1883, the

term for which J. T. Graves had been elected K. C., by the convention of 1881, J. S. Candler, the G. H., had chartered four chapters, Upsilon, Phi, Chi and Psi. The report of Brother Candler in reply to my request for an explanation revealed these heretofore unrecorded facts. Graves was elected July 27, 1881, for a term of two years. About September or October, 1881, he resigned, and Candler, by virtue of his office, assumed the duties of K. C. My statement in regard to the K. C.-ship of Graves and Candler, on page 209, of the February JOURNAL, will have to be modified to this extent.

Historical reports have been received from R. M. Butler, Gamma; W. L. Walker, Delta; L. P. Smith, Epsilon; N. S. Bowe, Eta; R. C. Stoll, Theta (new); W. E. Lott, Iota; F. A. Smith, Kappa; R. L. Bivins, Nu; R. G. Mood, Xi; L. T. Mills, Sigma; ———, Tau; C. Ellis, Upsilon; G. C. Ellis, Phi; L. M. Favrot, Psi; L. Beckner, Omega; E. F. Howard, P. Berghauns and H. L. Morehouse, Alpha-Alpha; E. W. Robertson, Alpha-Gamma; C. F. Tanner and H. H. Hurt, Alpha-Delta; C. Wallace, Alpha-Theta; J. L. Scales, Alpha-Iota, and H. P. Thieme, Alpha-Lambda. These have added much to the value of the order's records and my thanks are due the historians.

Brother L. P. Smith, of LaGrange, Ga., has kindly volunteered to work up the records of Epsilon, and is doing it well, but that is no excuse for the C. H. of Epsilon neglecting his duty. Brother Smith is one of our most enthusiastic alumni. Alpha-Gamma's report is especially welcome being the first received by me from it.

Frank Stafford has rendered me most valuable assistance in perfecting the records of Pi Prime, at Barnesville, Ga. Stafford was the last initiate of that chapter. There is but one fact wanting now about this chapter, and that is the exact date in April, 1879, upon which their charter was granted. Upon the disbandment of the chapter in 1883 the charter was forwarded to one of its alumni, J. M. Pound, at that time (1) of Gamma, and he reports it as having been forwarded to the K. C. It is among the other early records of the Order which are now missing.

Every effort will be made to work up the history and records of our dead chapters just as fast as the time can be found to do so. I have already begun with old Theta, of Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Ga., and my success has been far beyond my expectations. It is due chiefly to the enthusiasm of William A. Spencer, one of the alumni of the chapter. I now have in my

possession the charter of Theta, and for the first time have an official record of its date. This charter has been missing for nearly twenty years. It shows a peculiarity upon its face, from the fact that it is granted to four members of Gamma who never attended Oglethorpe, and the names of the real charter members do not appear upon it at all. This is contrary to the usual method of procedure. Spencer is making efforts to find the minute book of the chapter, but in the meanwhile having in his possession rough notes of the minutes from the founding to within six months of the disbandment, he has promised to transcribe them and forward to me. He was the first (3) of the chapter.

Inquiry for the charters of Tau and Theta Second reveal the fact that they were probably destroyed by White in burning his correspondence received as K. C.

The name of W. R. Harris, (see page 210, February JOURNAL), the reported reorganizer of Mu, has been at last found on the records of Delta, and added to the rolls of that chapter. The name of W. M. Ryals must be added to the rolls of Gamma. He was transferred from Kappa, and was omitted in the Catalogue, '91. A. H. Thaddeus, Jr., reported under Gamma in Catalogue, '91, is an error. The name should be A. Theodore Hammond, Jr.

There is some doubt about C. L. Worsham, reported under Epsilon, in the Catalogue of 1891, being a member. Smith reports that there is reason to think that he is not a Kappa Alpha, and that his name was reported for that of J. W. Worsham, his brother, who was omitted, and who is a member. Epsilon having lost all of its records by fire, it is very natural that errors should be found in its report.

A history of our chapter (so called) at Blacksburg, Va., chartered and disbanded in 1878, has been received from H. C. Preston, one of the charter members. No members were ever initiated into this chapter, and it existed only on paper.

In my essay article in the February JOURNAL I reported the title of the prize essay of E. C. Smith as among those unknown. Since then I have received an announcement from Brother Smith that his essay was upon the subject, "Did Bacon write Shakespeare?" upon which he took the negative side of the question.

On page 211, February JOURNAL, *Martique* Hart Tuttle should be *Mortimer*; on same page, W. L. *Clarke* should be *Clark*; on

page 208 Zeigler should be Ziegler; same page J. E. Turner should have date 1888 instead of 1889. Mr. Ammen calls my attention to an error in his article, top of page 188, where Rho was unintentionally included among those chapters which had been killed by anti-fraternity laws.

TAZEWELL TAYLOR HUBARD,
Grand Historian.

April 1, 1893.

The Fraternity Editor.

IN the present age, almost all fraternities have an editor, who, either for love or for money, or for both, conducts the publication of his fraternity's periodical. There are many qualities that such an editor must possess, many that he does possess, many that he is supposed to possess, and yet although he is usually a man of wonderfully varied attainments there are qualities which he does not possess. While there are many qualities that all such editors must possess, yet there is a wonderful variety of them in existence. This can be readily seen by perusing the various magazines.

The editor of a fraternity magazine must be a man who is interested in fraternity affairs. He must have been so interested from his initiation up to his election, and from that time his interest must increase, or his salary must be good. The fraternity editor must be proof against flattery and proof against criticism. He is liable to be told to-day that his editorials are full of good sense, while to-morrow he may be berated for allowing such and such an article to appear, and he is likely to receive an insinuation that he is a noodle for tearing so many tail-feathers from the young American eagles that some ambitious chapter correspondent has nestled in the pages of his letter.

The fraternity editor must be a man of facile pen. A man who can express every idea that he has, and many more. He must be able to draw at sight from the bank of thought, and to discount his I. O. U. at the bank of ideas. While it is true that if a fraternity editor is a man of discretion and forethought, he can usually persuade his friends to contribute enough articles to leave him time to prepare the editorial departments; yet there is no telling when, at the eleventh hour, he may be called

upon to fill up his magazine with articles of his own composition. He should possess a general information as to the history of his own order, and have a smattering of the history and condition of other similar organizations. He should be like Silas Wegg, able to drop into verse occasionally in order to relieve the monotony of page after page of prose. He must have nerve enough to publish his own lines, and at the same time reject the lines of others, which lines may not be up to the standard he arbitrarily fixes in such matters. It is a good rule never to let deformed verses go in. By deformed verses are meant verses which have lines of various numbers and lengths of feet, and lines which have no feet at all. In other words, the verses should run smoothly, and it is a patent impossibility for lines to run smoothly without feet, and feet that match. The editor should not be overcredulous, else his magazine will show the conceit of the order. It is natural for an inexperienced occupant of the tripod to believe that his order is superior to all others. Every chapter in it is ahead socially, mentally, morally, and religiously to every other chapter at the institution where it is located. This is what the correspondents say, and this must be truth. The fraternity editor is obliged to believe that quality is superior to quantity, and that if the boys at Digamma ever fail to be honored it is all owing to the disgusting chicanery of the opposition. To these qualities may be added any quality that the editor happens to have in stock. He may be a clear thinker, a stronger reasoner, and a forcible writer. He may be a leader by nature, and a molder of opinion. He may be a man of judgment and discretion in choosing that which he writes, and he may be able not to write anything that is not for the good of his fraternity. He may be a prompt and punctual correspondent. He may never become irritated; on the contrary, he may possess indomitable patience. He may have nothing to do but to edit the magazine he conducts; but it is more than likely that there are other things demanding his attention, and filling his mind. The fraternity editor may possess many other qualities not necessary to mention. He may be married or single, rich or poor, tall or short, fat or slender, but he should try to write so as to impress the readers that he is married, is rich, is tall, and broadshouldered and has a voice resonant and commanding.

He is supposed by the majority of the active members to be rather old; at the conventions he is usually called Brother

Throckmorton rather than Throckmorton. He is supposed to have universal knowledge of the details of everything going on in the fraternity world, and time enough to write all this knowledge in full to all who ask for it. He is supposed to be able to turn out a magazine without any particular effort on the part of the rest of the fraternity, and to make it a good number each time. This, it is true, is a rather complimentary but fearfully erroneous idea.

The fraternity editor, with the assistance of the active and alumni members of the fraternity, ought to be able to make each number of the magazine interesting and instructive. He ought to be a fair exponent of his Order as a man, and thoroughly alive to its interests; nothing more should be expected of him. Sitting as he does, feeling the pulse of the entire Order, he gradually becomes to be personally attached to each chapter, and to the various members with whom he corresponds. Here's to the fraternity editor, "May he live long and prosper."

In Memoriam.

ALPHA-ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE, }
March 28, 1893. }

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his all-wise providence to remove from our midst the soul of our late beloved professor and honored friend, Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith, and

WHEREAS, We realize most sorrowfully the inestimable loss suffered not only by the University with which he was connected but by the whole South, whose cause he so nobly and patriotically upheld; therefore, be it

Resolved 1. That we, Alpha-Alpha Chapter of the Kappa-Alpha fraternity, in chapter assembled, do hereby express our profound sorrow at the loss of so true a patriot and noble a Christian. And further,

2. That a copy of these resolutions be presented to Omega Chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, of which he was a distinguished member, and that the same be published in the KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL, and entered upon the minutes of the chapter.

HARRY JUDAH MIKELL,
DANIEL H. HAMILTON, JR.,
EWING FOX HOWARD,

Committee.

HALL OF NU CHAPTER, }
KAPPA ALPHA ORDER, March 4, 1893. }

WHEREAS, the Omnipotent God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst our much beloved brother, J N. Tate, and

WHEREAS, Our brother was from the time he became a charter member to the time of his death a true and loyal Kappa Alpha; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That in his death, although we bow in humble submission to the will of the Almighty, we have sustained an irreparable loss.

2. That to his bereaved family we extend our most heartfelt sympathy.

3. That in token of his sacred memory we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

4. That copies of these resolutions be inscribed on our record and sent to the KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL for publication and to his bereaved family.

ADDISON DRIVER,
JOEL DUMAS,
J. F. WEBB,

Committee.

HALL OF ALPHA-GAMMA CHAPTER, }
KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY, April 6. }

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in his infinite wisdom to send the angel of death into the ranks of Kappa Alpha and to call home to him our beloved brother, John Cordell; we, the members of Alpha-Gamma Chapter, of Kappa Alpha Fraternity, in token of our love and remembrance of him, do hereby

Resolve, 1. That while we bow humbly in submission to the acts of Almighty God, we deeply deplore the death of our beloved brother.

2. That in his death Alpha-Gamma loses an active member, and a man who was an honor to the Order.

3. That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends, assuring them that we share with them in their sorrow and grief.

4. That we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be published in the JOURNAL, a copy be sent to his family, and a copy be inscribed on a page in our record book.

CHARLIE WHITAKER.
T. P. EVANS,
E. D. NEWALL,

Committee.

Recent Fraternity Conventions.

AS the sympathy man feels for man becomes more and more comprehensive, the greater interest is felt by every man in the general condition of his fellow-men. As the minds of men more thoroughly understand the interrelation of man and man, and as men better realize that one man's condition, prosperity and progress has an influence on the condition, prosperity and progress of all men, then the study of such conditions becomes more and more interesting. While this influence must be said to be indirect, yet it is so great at times as to be direct in effect. This influence might be said to be a direct indirect influence. Such being true, and fraternities bearing relations to each other that men bear to men, all readers of the JOURNAL will be glad to receive the news of recent conventions, and to study the epitome of their proceedings. Especially is this true when Kappa Alpha will soon meet in biennial convention to preserve and reject certain of the present laws, and to form new ones, as the occasion may demand.

It may be remarked here, in general, that the recent fraternity conventions have had few if any revolutionary tendencies, and conservatism has not only been ardently advocated, but strictly followed. A great portion of the time consumed seems to have been taken up with social and fraternal features. Nor has the banquet been absent. The banquet with its loaded table, its merry comradeship, its flowing jest (current jest, at least), its many speeches of more or less length, and of more or less ornateness. The less work a convention has to do the more speeches are made and recent conventions have been remarkable for set speeches of more or less pretensions and of more or less worth. Many of the speeches were readable, some were instructive, while others were balderdash and glittering rhetoric. In some of the latter, Greece and Rome have risen "phoenix-like," to soar with our own American eagle, all to bathe their plumage in the exalted ether of enthusiasm.

Tennessee has been especially favored in being chosen by the various orders as the place of their conventions.

On December 27, last, the convention of the Sigma Alpha Ep-

silon fraternity met in Chattanooga. There were present seventy-two delegates, representing forty chapters. Sigma Alpha Epsilon's directory shows that there are fifty-three chapters in all. So 75 per cent. of the chapters was represented by their own delegates. Considering the great extent of territory that lies between the various chapter locations this was certainly a splendid attendance. And the mite of pride in this that is demonstrated in the *Record*, is not only pardonable but also commendable. It is to be hoped that in September the chapters of Kappa Alpha can at least boast of as good attendance. Located as we are in one section of the nation there is hardly excuse for failure in this regard.

It seems that the delegates were sufficiently aroused to the importance of the occasion as to give their fraternity yells and songs in the parlors of the hotel. The historian relates that the guests fled in dismay at the sounds. Undoubtedly, this was a judicious proceeding. Without reflecting on S. A. E. in particular, there are few things more bloodcurdling than the average fraternity yell.

It is not the purpose of this writer to relate the full proceedings of this convention. Of course, it was delightful, inspiring and successful.

The chief business performed by the convention needs to be briefly noticed. In the first place the fraternity rearranged its provinces. The plan adopted divides the fraternity into seven provinces, as follows: Alpha province comprises New England; Beta province comprises New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; Gamma province comprises Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida; Delta province contains West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin; Epsilon province includes Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi; Zeta province consists of Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and the Dakotas; Eta province comprises the remainder of the States. Thus has Sigma Alpha Epsilon pre-empted the entire country. Unfamiliar with the province system, the writer will not comment on the arrangement except in this: Several provinces contain only three chapters, while others contain twelve and thirteen, and it seems that provinces should not include unoccupied territory. When a State is entered the Supreme Council should annex it to the most suitable province. It looks a little bit like making a hen sit on china eggs.

The alumni chapter system was abolished. Heretofore alum-

ni could organize into a chapter, receive a charter, etc. The chapter was entitled to a seat in the convention and had to pay certain dues into the fraternity's treasury. The convention considered this system impracticable. Alumni associations may be organized under the sanction of the fraternity.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has always been fond of officers and officers with big names. There was the Eminent Supreme Archon, and the Eminent Supreme this, that and other. However, one of S. A. E's distinguished alumni was officeless. The fraternity sympathized with him, created an office and put him in it. Accordingly, the Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, of West Virginia, now glories in the title of Past Eminent Supreme Archon. It is to be hoped that the distinguished statesman will wear these new honors as gracefully as those of old, and that he shall preside over the past of his fraternity as satisfactorily as he presided over the Democratic hosts at Chicago.

Speaking of great men brings to mind that a "future Grady" (so the *Record* dubs him), spoke at the banquet to the toast, "The Hustler." We congratulate the order on possessing a "future Grady," but from the theme of his discourse he will remain *in statu quo* for years to come.

The banquet was wineless and for this there is only commendation. Some song book and catalogue legislation, the adoption of a yell, and fixing the place of the next meeting concluded the business of the convention.

The official yell is as follows:

"Phi Alpha, Allicazee!
Phi Alpha, Allacazon!
Sigma Alph! Sigma Alph!
Sigma Alpha Epsilon!"

The next convention will be held at Pittsburg, Pa.

While there was little beyond the usual routine work done, while there were no startling changes made or startling policies adopted, yet, from all reports the convention was successful, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon is stronger for it. No change was made in the management of the *Record*. This was wise, as Mr. Cowan has done much to improve that magazine.

While Sigma Alpha Epsilon was legislating, speech-making, sight-seeing and banqueting in Chattanooga, Tenn., Alpha Tau Omega was engaging in like matters in Nashville, the capital city of the same State, and more than this, right in the very

halls of the statehouse itself. The meeting was similar in purpose as the one in Chattanooga, but was called by the dignified name of the Columbian Congress. At 10 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, the 28th of December, the body was called to order. A. T. O. has forty active chapters named in the directory. Of these twenty-six were represented by delegates, this being 65 per cent. of the whole number. So it seems that in attendance Sigma Alpha Epsilon excelled Alpha Tau Omega. It appears that since the last congress seven new active chapters have been established. Of these seven four were unrepresented in the convention. It is especially unfortunate for a new chapter to fail to send a delegate to the first convention after its organization. The delegate learns much to carry home to strengthen, instruct and enthuse the members who remain at home.

The entire meeting was devoid of legislation of interest to the fraternity world at large. It was decided to have an exhibit at the World's Fair, and \$100.00 was appropriated for the purpose. An alumni button in the shape of the badge was adopted and recommended to be worn. It was determined to devote more of the *Palm* to the exchange comments than had heretofore been done.

A rather strange law was adopted in reference to subscriptions to the *Palm*. Each active member must subscribe and pay \$1.50 a year for that magazine. If he is delinquent for a certain period he is to be suspended from chapter privileges. This law will likely be repealed by the next congress.

The Congress consented to the establishment of fraternity headquarters at Chicago during the World's Fair, on condition that no funds should be drawn from the fraternity's treasury to sustain them. It was a generous action.

Nashville gave Alpha Tau Omega a hearty reception. Various receptions were given them, and hospitality was extended from many directions.

The meeting closed with a banquet and much speech-making.

The High Council has chosen Louis C. Ehle, of Chicago, to succeed the Rev. Dr. Glazebrook as editor of the *Palm*. It is presumed that Dr. Glazebrook's duties were such as to prevent his longer conducting the organ of his fraternity. Mr. Ehle seems capable of performing the duties imposed upon, that is judging from the first issue under his management.

The yell was not forgotten, and at the banquet the following was adopted :

"Hip, Hurrah! Hip, Hurrah!
Three cheers for Alpha Tau!
Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!"

The yell is more remarkable for loyalty and enthusiasm than for any other quality. The fraternity has adopted sky blue and old gold as colors, and the white tea rose as the fraternity flower.

It was decided to hold in the next Congress in Washington, D. C. Then the Congress adjourned.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity held its annual convention in Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 15th, 16th and 17th of last November. From the account given in the *Quarterly* the delegates must have had a delightful time. Few figures or statements are included in this account. It appears, however, that the fraternity was given a reception at the Mountain City Club on Tuesday night; Wednesday it chose a presiding officer, went up Lookout Mountain and held the annual public literary exercises. On Thursday, it is said, "the delegates buckled down to business, and spent the entire day in considering applications for new charters, without granting any; selecting Minneapolis as the place of meeting next year, discussing song books, catalogues, etc." This concluded the business part of the convention. The whole was rounded with an elegant banquet.

Whether or not the Dekes needed to legislate is an unanswered question. But need or no need, the convention was decidedly not one of business. If, as is likely, there was nothing needing legislation, then the Fraternity is to be heartily congratulated. Such a condition is a sign of dignity and strength. As a reunion, it was an enthusiastic success. As the occasion of oratory, it was one of the most remarkable conventions in the history of college fraternities. Of the convention oration, the *Quarterly* says: "Nothing short of publication can do justice to its merits." Then it is published, and the reader is obliged to agree with the *Quarterly*. The most wonderful deluge since the one which occasioned the nautical expedition of Noah.

While Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega were saving themselves and the world at large, in Chattanooga and Nashville, in Knoxville, Tenn., Pi Kappa Alpha was engaged in the same work. A short account of this meeting is found in the March number of the *College Fraternity*. While the account is short, and little seems to have been acted upon, yet some rather important questions were presented, discussed, and

decided. Four new chapters have been established since the last convention of this fraternity. They are located as follows: At Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.; Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.; Austin College, Austin, Tex.

The chapter at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, was revived.

Two questions of especial interest to Kappa Alphas were discussed. It was proposed to allow the chapter at Washington and Lee to initiate students in attendance upon the Virginia Military Institute. After debate, this policy was declared against as a *quasi sub rosa* chapter. This action of Pi Kappa Alpha is commendable. If a fraternity declares against *sub rosa* chapters, consistency demands an abstinence from that which is in substance the same thing, and in reality an evasion of such principles.

The Order is a strictly Southern institution, having no chapters beyond the Mason and Dixon line. In this respect it bears exact resemblance to our own Order.

The question of granting charters for chapters beyond the line named above was brought up. The account relates that for many reasons the excursion was deemed unwise and the projected chapter building was abandoned. In this, too, this Order and our own are identical in conclusions.

The place of the next meeting was left to the decision of the Grand Council.

If Pi Kappa Alpha acted as conservatively in all respects as in those mentioned, the convention must have been a body of careful and thoughtful men.

The Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity assembled in convention December 30, 1892, at Richmond, Va., the very place where Kappa Alpha is to assemble on the 13th of September next. From the account of that convention as given in the *College Fraternity*, nothing was done which would interest anyone outside the pale of that particular Order. It is hoped that the meeting was as successful, as the account read is short.

The star and crescent of Kappa Sigma was seen in Washington, D. C. The "Tenth Biennial Conclave" of that fraternity met in the nation's capital. A full account of this meeting, narrating business and social features of the occasion appears in the November number of *The Caduceus*. However, the date of the gathering is not mentioned. Judging from an official

notice in back of the magazine the conclave met prior to October 27, 1892, and presumably in that month or in the month of September. However veiled in mystery is the date of the meeting, yet it is plain that there was such a meeting; that it was successful and pleasant. Dr. Hamilton J. Coffroth, of Baltimore, presided over the deliberations of the conclave. Nineteen of the thirty-three chapters were represented by delegates. In other words, a fraction less than fifty-eight per cent of the entire number of chapters.

Ten chapters have been established by Kappa Sigma since the last conclave. These chapters are remarkable for the different characters of the institutions where they are located. Some of them are such great institutions as Cornell, Johns Hopkins, while one has been established at the U. S. Grant University of Tennessee. The immortal Shakespeare made the pertinent inquiry: "What's in a name?" If he had lived to remark upon the U. S. Grant University he would have answered himself in words to this effect: "The whole concern."

The Kappa Sigma fraternity as been as little discriminating in charter granting as Emerson is said to have been in bestowing the term of affection upon the devil, speaking of him as "the dear old devil."

The ten chapters established are situated at the following hubs of learning: Johns Hopkins University; Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; University of Illinois; Pennsylvania State College; University of Pennsylvania; University of Michigan; Columbian University, Washington, D. C.; Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson, Tenn.; U. S. Grant University, Tennessee (probably at Athens, Tenn.); and Cornell University. So, between conclaves, Kappa Sigma has grown about forty-three per cent larger.

A badge of uniform size and shape was adopted, but there was no rule made as to the setting of it, nor the cost of it. This still remaining to be determined by the individual.

The fraternity declared against honorary membership, and joins now in exclaiming against that empty, senseless practice.

Kappa Sigma seems to have the catalogue complaint. The whole matter was turned over to George W. Warner, of Philadelphia, the editor of *The Caduceus*.

The banquet was on a Friday night. It was an occasion of joy. The usual programme of speech-making, song-singing, and conversation was carried out.

The Kappa Sigma yell is

Rah! rah! rah!
Crescent and star!
Vive la! vive la!
Kappa Sigma!

A merited compliment was bestowed upon Mr. Warner, the editor of *The Caduceus*, in re-electing him to that position. Mr. Warner has filled the place with credit to himself and to his fraternity.

Such in brief was the tenth biennial conclave of Kappa Sigma.

"The World is Full of Roses" (?)

"The world is full of roses,
The roses full of dew,
The dew is filled with heavenly love,
That drips for me and you."

—James Whitcomb Riley.

"The world is full of roses,"
Of every shade and hue;
Of fragrance rich and pleasing to
Such men as me and you.

"The world is full of roses;"
But still they rarely grow
Among the bypaths of this life,
Where common people go.

"The world is full of roses,"
Conservatories full,
But hardly ever scattered round
For all mankind to pull.

"The world is full of roses,"
Our sweetest singer cried,
That may be bought and twined about.
The happy blushing bride.

"The world is full of roses,"
Worth fifty cents apiece;
Which may be bought to decorate
Your grave, at your decease.

Chapter Letters.

GAMMA.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

We have been very unfortunate the past month, in that we have lost two of our best men. Brother Wadley, who has been with us for two years, this being his third, was compelled to leave college on account of sickness and will not return. We are very sorry to lose Brother Wadley, as he was one of the staunchest, most loyal Kappa Alphas in Gamma Chapter, and we will all miss him very much.

Brother Abbott has also left us. Although a new man, he was a thorough Kappa Alpha in every sense of the word, and it was with a great deal of sorrow that we saw him leave. Brother Stiles was also called home suddenly on account of the death of his sister. We sympathize deeply with him in his bereavement, and hope to see him back with us again before long. The junior speakers' places, which are awarded about this time every year, have been announced, and two of our members, Brother J. M. Harrington, Jr., and Brother H. C. Brown, were fortunate enough to get places.

The german given last month, opening our new rooms, was a very enjoyable affair, and voted a complete success by all. We hope to spend some very pleasant hours in our new quarters during commencement.

We received, a few weeks ago, an invitation to a german, to be given by Alpha Chapter, on April 6th. We highly appreciated it, and know that the affair will be a complete success.

The annual field day of the university is gradually approaching, and one can see nearly every day on the campus some fleet-footed athlete trying his speed, another his skill at putting the shot, and still another at throwing the hammer. We have several men who intend entering the contests, and we hope to bear off some trophies.

With this letter the term of the present set of officers expires. It is with a great deal of sorrow and regret that the C. S. gives up his place. Although he has found it pretty hard sometimes to find something to write about, he has written what he could gladly and willingly; so bidding goodbye to the JOURNAL he lays aside his pen, steps down and out.

DELTA.

WOFFORD COLLEGE.

In the quiet working of college affairs there is no occasion for the blow and bluster of the "spiking season," no opportunity for the flare and ostentation of fraternity chivalry in the "lists," but it is now that the fraternity man can do his best work and show himself in his truest light both to the outside world and to his own little circle of brothers. Surely, Delta never enjoyed a more prosperous season than now! Be it ever thus!

"Let secrecy's round be the mystical bound
And brotherly love be her center."

I introduce to the fraternity Brother H. H. Newton, Bennettsville, S. C. His father's name is a synonym for early Kappa Alphaism at Wofford, and we are to be congratulated on getting Brother Newton into our ranks.

At our last meeting the officers for the ensuing year were elected. They are as follows: G. M., A. M. DuPré; S. M., W. L. Walker; G. S., J. F. Lyon; K. U., D. D. Wallace; K-a-A., H. H. Newton; C. S., F. M. Lander; C. H., W. R. McLeod; C., P. H. Stoll; P., Paul Hardin.

The fact that the pastor of the Central Methodist Church is the Rev. W. A. Rogers is a source of great pleasure to us all. Brother Rogers has not forgotten why he founded Delta Chapter, and his new position in the conference gives him abundant opportunity of looking after his favorite charge. His presence at our meetings is always a signal for a general exuberance of good feeling and a harbinger of a specially interesting meeting. It is perhaps safe to say that no man outside of the fraternity directory is more conversant with fraternity matters, and no one is more bountifully stocked with enthusiastic Kappa Alpha tradition than our brother, the founder of Delta. We will expect him often, and we will not be disappointed.

Brothers Craighead and Wallace were elected on the great Wofford-Furman debate. Brother Craighead was forced, on account of extra work in the Senior year, to resign his position, but Wallace will do us all great honor, and will greatly broaden his growing reputation for clear, forceful, logical reasoning.

I am sad to say that Brother Lyon has been called home by the sickness of his mother. When he will return is by no means sure. We will miss him and we earnestly sympathize with him in his trouble.

The Easter holidays were enjoyed by several of our men at their homes.

With kindest greetings to all the chapters Delta's scribe will wipe his pen.

EPSILON.

EMORY COLLEGE.

Epsilon has just held an election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result: (1), S. R. De Jarnette; (2), J. T. Norris; (3), J. S. Lewis; (4), W. H. McConnell; (5), T. F. Day; (6), Hilton, A. P.; (7), J. T. Norris; (8), Tom Milner; (9), Alf Pierce.

With such a corps of officers old Epsilon will no doubt continue to enjoy her usual state of prosperity.

The one theme of the college now is the forthcoming Annual. This is the first time Emory College has made an attempt to issue an Annual, but the boys who have charge of this one propose to make it equal to the very best publications of this sort in the country. It will be finely illustrated, and Kappa Alpha will be found to have by far a larger per cent. of the men in the group pictures than any other fraternity.

In about a week the contest for speaker's places in the freshman and sophomore classes will be held, and the more ambitious of the members of these classes are practicing very earnestly to be prepared for that occasion. Our boys will get their share of the places.

Brother J. M. Cochran (old Pi), was with the boys not long since. He is an exceedingly jolly fellow, and his visit was enjoyed very much.

Brother W. H. Milner, of Cartersville, paid us a short visit recently. He has been sick for a long time, but is now about entirely well, and will enter college next fall term. He is a loyal Kappa Alpha, and is very much loved by the boys of the chapter.

It is only a short time now until commencement, and the vast amount of work incident to that period is already beginning to make itself felt.

We trust all our sister chapters will win many laurels for Kappa Alpha in the contests for collegiate honors this season as they have in the past. Epsilon will do her best in this line.

ETA.

RICHMOND COLLEGE.

It seems hard to realize that two more months can have so quickly passed away, but such is the case, and the warm spring weather shows plainly that the close of the sessions of '92-'93 is rapidly approaching. Although the summer vacation will separate our little band for three months, we are happy to say that all of our members, with perhaps the exception of one or two, expect to return next year. None of our members are candidates for degrees this year; but we expect to make up for our present lack by having six graduates next session. During the last two months Eta has carried off her usual share of honors. On the 17th of March the annual public debate of the Mu Sigma Rho Literary Society took place. Two of our members, Brother W. D. Duke and Brother J. H. Franklin, were on the debate, and did credit to themselves and the chapter. After the debate we had an entertainment up in our hall. Quite a number of our Kappa Alpha sisters were present, and we passed a very enjoyable evening. Our regular field-day will come this year on the 28th of April. The boys have already begun to practice for it, and we expect the contests to be unusually good. Our baseball team will be stronger this session than last. Eta is represented on the team by the captian, the manager and four of the members. We play our first game on the 3rd of April with the "Virginias."

We enjoyed very much a short visit which Brother A. S. H. Bristow recently paid us. Brother Bristow, formerly of this chapter, is now a member of Lambda, and is keeping up his reputation as a student by taking the law course in one year. We also very much enjoyed a short visit from Brother Tazewell Taylor, G. M. of Alpha-Zeta. About two weeks ago Brother H. L. Norfleet paid a visit to Randolph Macon to assist in the re-establishment of Zeta. He reports that a K. A. "goat" can now be found in those regions which, with the assistance of Brother Williams, transfer from Upsilon, and two more Kappa Alphas who expect to return to Randolph Macon next session will keep the banner of Kappa Alpha afloat over the classic walls of Randolph Macon.

We are more than pleased to find out the truth of the statement that "Zeta was not dead, but slumbered." We are glad to hear from Brother Ammem that the next biennial convention will be held in Richmond on the 13th of September, 1893. We will do all in our power to make it a success.

THETA.

STATE COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY.

Theta was organized in January, 1893, but notwithstanding her short existence she has done some admirable work. Her headquarters are not yet permanently established, but she has twenty-one of the best men in Kentucky State College. We had all the performers in the celebration of Washington's birthday, February 22. The Sigma Chis have organized here since we organized, but have not as yet made a show. They had aspirations for class orator, class president, class secretary, and a representative from the class to respond to the toast, "The class of 1893," at the alumni banquet, but in all these their hopes were fruitless and Kappa Alphas got the places. They are as follows: Class orator, Brother B. G. Willis; to deliver alumni toast, Brother H. M. Gunn; class president, D. P. Smith; Miss Kate Adams, a strong Kappa Alpha girl, secretary of class.

The intercollegiate oratorical contest was held here on the 7th inst. The State College was not represented. After the contest Theta and Alpha-Theta entertained the brothers of Omega at the Clarendon Hotel. About sixty were present, and a more congenial and jolly crowd rarely meets at banquet.

In speaking of the banquet the *Lexington Transcript* closed as follows: "The Kappa Alpha is the strongest and most influential fraternity in the South and is rapidly gaining favor everywhere. The chapter at the State College is composed of the best material of that institution."

The baseball season is just opening, and the State College has prospects for a fine team this year. We play Ann Arbor on the 15th inst.

A Kappa Alpha will represent the State College in the Chautauqua oratorical contest this June.

IOTA.

FURMAN UNIVERSITY.

Again it becomes the pleasant duty of Iota to write a chapter letter. After the ravages of a severe winter the sunshine almost makes us wax poetical, and it warms the fraternity men to the performance of new duties.

Brother S. W. Norwood is now book-keeper of the Greenville Savings Bank. He is with us in almost all of our meetings. Brother Norwood was a model fraternity man and his presence does us good.

It appears to Iota that the last JOURNAL was one of the best ever issued, and was an exceedingly welcome visitor at her late arrival. We perused with care the articles, and especially those in regard to the convention.

Iota heartily agrees with the writer of the article, "When shall the convention meet?" His points are all well taken in our estimation, and we say, Amen.

Richmond is a very suitable place for us, and the last of June is the most suitable time for about the same reasons as our mentioned brother gave. We hope to prepare a man and send him to help do the business just as well as possible.

We know that it constantly appears that the C. S. of almost every chapter of Kappa Alpha is inclined to brag a little, anyway. We know that Iota is doing more fraternity work than any fraternity in Furman, and it is very doubtful whether any chapter of Kappa Alpha is doing more. As for the outside work let us see: Since our last letter Brother Buck has been elected president P. L. Society, Brother White president Y. M. C. A. and a speaker in the intercollegiate debate with Wofford, to take place April 21, Brother Matteson is captain of the F. U. baseball team, Brother Lott is a Journal director and editor. Besides we have other positions of minor importance. All of the delegates to the last Y. M. C. A. Convention were Kappa Alphas, and the last three presidents of the F. U. Y. M. C. A. have been Kappa Alphas.

We are continually making additions to our hall and we hope to have it in a most excellent condition before we cease working for it.

There are now thirty-four fraternity men at Furman, of these: 12 are Sigma Alpha Eta, 12 Kappa Alpha, 9 Chi Psi, 1 Phi Delta Theta. Iota knows well how to sympathize with Lambda in her literary society now. Furman had a similar affair one year ago. Although the Kappa Alphas lost their man in the election, yet we came out victorious in the end. The Kappa Alphas were the main stake in the A. L. society, and the Phi Psi president was wholly at the disposal of the Kappa Alpha parliamentarians. Even though a Chi Psi was president, the Kappa Alphas ruled. Iota is now backed by the working element of the same.

KAPPA.

MERCER UNIVERSITY.

If Kappa's scribe knew how to write a letter to the JOURNAL that would prove interesting when so few happenings of that

nature have occurred in this locality since his last letter, he would approach less reluctantly the task now before him ; and he would perform this duty of his with more satisfaction to himself, in a way more acceptable to his chapter. He would write a letter less uninteresting to the other readers of the JOURNAL. As his Maker has not furnished him with such endowments he shall just have to make the best of it and proceed. At our election the first meeting in April, the following were selected as Kappa Alpha's officers for the ensuing year: (1) W. E. Small, (2) Louis B. Warren, (3) R. H. Powell, Jr., (4) F. L. McElmurray, (5) W. P. Wheeler, (6) J. W. Grice, (7) C. E. Holmes, (8) F. A. Smith, (9) M. Hudson. These, with our lone Senior, Brother Jelks, whose departure after commencement we shall all regret so much, and Brother H. B. McCall, constitute our present chapter membership.

Last week the Macon professionals crossed bats with the college team, but our boys, though they played good ball, were unable to score a single run. Brother Warren is manager of the team, and Brother McCall its crack pitcher. The manager of Mercer's club is in receipt of a challenge from the University of Georgia's team, but will be forced to decline as the faculty have decreed that we can enter into no intercollegiate sports at all. Kappa Alpha also takes a prominent part in football during that season, having the captain and several other men on the team, of whom we are proud.

Most of us are now busy preparing to appear before the faculty and declaim for the speakers' places, which will be awarded in a week or so. We hope to get a number of places this year.

Kappa Chapter frequently enjoys visits from alumni Kappa Alphas residing in the city. The last time we gathered together in our cozy little hall there were with us Brothers Turner and Ainsworth, alumni of Epsilon, and Brother J. W. Wade, an old Kappa boy, who is associate principal of Blakely High School, and who never fails to give us a call when in the city on our meeting nights. The other two brethren reside in the city, and we shall expect to see them out often.

"When and where will the next convention be held?" is the all-absorbing question of the day now. We favor Richmond as the place, and as suggested by Brother Ammen in the last issue of the JOURNAL, the middle of June as the more suitable time for the body to meet.

Kappa received a few days ago an invitation to attend a ger-

man to be given by Alpha Chapter at an early date, and regretted exceedingly that pressing college duties would render it impossible for any of her members to attend. Our best wishes are with Alpha on that occasion as on all others.

Kappa sends greetings to our sister chapters.

MU.**ERSKINE COLLEGE.**

Mu has added another name to her list of Knights recently in the person of Norman G. James, of Lowndesboro, Ala. Mr. James is a member of the Sophomore class, and takes a good stand in his class. We feel safe in saying he will ever be an enthusiastic supporter of the "Crimson and Gold."

At the semi-annual celebration of the Euphemian Society our boys held some places of honor. Brother Bell, of the Senior class, presided as president with much dignity. Brother McHill represented the Junior class as one of the debaters. Brother Kennedy was the polite and obliging chief marshal. Our S. A. E. brethren were also well represented, three of their men filling places of honor.

At the coming celebrations in June we "are not in it." Brother Kennedy is Senior orator, and the rest of us are "waiters." The "Mules" seem to have boycotted the fraternity men on all sides without any reason whatever. Prejudice is at the bottom of the whole matter. We believe in the old darkey's logic when he said, "You can't put no 'pendence in a mule."

We will have no Junior exhibition this year, not because the ability of the Juniors is questioned, but because our auditorium will not be completed in time. The other halls are too small to hold our Juniors down.

Our regular election of officers was held at our last meeting, and resulted satisfactorily to all. Brother McHill was elected delegate to the next convention, with Brother Kennedy as alternate.

Our prospects for next year are good. We will return at least six men next fall, and have no fears whatever about the future of Mu.

We are expecting a large delegation of alumni at commencement. With our elegant new college building, the finest in the State, we hope to open up with one hundred and fifty boys next October. We hope to head off Kappa Alphas everywhere carrying off many honors and medals in June.

NU.

A. AND M. COLLEGE.

We have just emerged from the turmoil and throes of examinations, and, fortunately, are fully encouraged to begin the third and last term of this collegiate year with energy and zeal. Since our last letter to the JOURNAL our college has added one more honor to her record.

It may not be news to mention the fact that on February 22nd Auburn "laid Tuscaloosa in the shade" in the football game. No college could have been more interested and enthusiastic in the game of football than the A. and M. College has been. Having entered into the game with such a determination to win, as her pride and reputation demanded, it were well to suppose that on the "field of battle" Tuscaloosa would meet her destiny. It has become an honor to be a good football player, and Nu is proud to say that in the game between Auburn and Tuscaloosa she was highly honored by the noble playing of her two representatives, Brothers Dorsey and Redding.

No other members of the team acquitted themselves with more honor as champion players than did Dorsey and Redding. In these Nu has much to be proud of.

Brother W. E. Fitzgerald, of the Class of '91, is with us again. Fitz is a noble lad, kind and congenial; moreover a staunch and true Kappa Alpha; and, indeed, we are glad to have him with us.

Since with this letter the scribe's connection with the JOURNAL is to be severed, he desires to state that this connection has been truly a happy one, and that it is with reluctance that he is deprived of the pleasure enjoyed by the C. S. However, there is no doubt that the newly elected C. S. will fill the office better and with more satisfaction.

Brother McMillan is especially to be commended, not only for his ability, but also for his prompt response to every call of duty. Nu feels sure that his office will be filled with much credit and honor to the chapter.

The following are our newly-elected officers: (1) J. A. Driver; (2) R. T. Dorsey; (3) H. C. Burr, Jr.; (4) S. A. Redding; (5) T. E. Collins; (6) W. C. McMillan; (7) H. H. Smith; (8) W. R. Daughtry; (9) W. W. Fulghum.

Doubtless these men are all worthy of the offices to which they have been elected, and our prosperity will continue with our chapter in their hands.

Again we desire to speak of Nu's condition and the prosperity that has been her good fortune to enjoy this session. Perfect harmony and unison of purpose has prevailed among us during the whole session. For much of our success and prosperity we are especially indebted to Brother Joel Dumas. Joe, with his manliness and discretion of judgment, with his influence in college, has worthily and honorably filled the highest office in our chapter; and will ever be remembered for the benefit of his services to the chapter and to the fraternity-at-large.

Brothers Joel Dumas and J. A. Driver have been elected delegates to biennial and State conventions, respectively.

The grandest occasion is supposed to take place next Saturday, April 15th. Our chapter expects to give a picnic on that day. All necessary arrangements have been made, and the occasion is expected to be an enjoyable one.

Before closing this final letter it affords us much pleasure to introduce to the Kappa Alpha Fraternity our worthy brother, H. H. Smith, who was initiated into the mystic ties on February 14th. Harry is made of the right material to become a Kappa Alpha, and we feel safe in recommending him to the order as a man who will be an honorable addition to it.

Wishing all the sister chapters the greatest possible success, wishing that peace like a benediction may reign over them, and that harmony and love may prevail in their midst, we now bring our correspondence to a close.

XI.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Xi comes this month with friendly greetings for all. Our matchless Texas spring has infused new life into all of us. We are refreshed and invigorated and promise to redouble our efforts to win laurels in the name of our fraternity. Will not some of our brothers in the old States come out to see us? We promise them a hearty welcome and invitations to visit every part of the State. We will take them to the top of one of our hills, and they can see so far that for the first time or two it will make their heads swim. Early on a clear morning they can see the village in the valley on the other side of the hill. This, to some people, strange phenomenon is explained upon the same principle that we see a ship in a cloud some time before it can be seen upon the water.

Kappa Alpha takes the lead in spring banquets. Mrs. Sneed,

one of the Kappa Alphas boys' best friends, threw open the doors of her magnificent residence, March 31, 8.30 P.M., and invited our boys to make themselves at home. The hostess, assisted by one or two of our most faithful sisters, had decorated the whole house until Kappa Alpha seemed to be everywhere. The rooms and halls were all ornamented with beautiful flowers and lovely ferns, such as Texas alone can furnish. Mrs. Sneed, assisted by Miss Fannie Howrey, entertained the guests royally. Everyone seemed to have the very best time possible. At 10.30 refreshments of all kinds were served. It is useless to say that they were fully appreciated. The Kappa Alpha boys are under lasting obligations to Mrs. Sneed and the young ladies who so kindly assisted her.

Our commencement debaters have chosen a question and our boys deny that "three-fourths of the twelve jurors should be allowed to decide cases that may come before the State." Kappa Alpha has no fears, but will do her best, of course. We have laid our plans and every man is bending his energies to perform successfully the duty assigned to him. We hope our report for commencement may be as usual, "on top."

Our chapter approves the selection of Richmond rather than Chicago, for the place of our next biennial convention.

As an abstract statement, "Our boys should wear their badges themselves," sounds exactly right, but we cannot put it into practice worth a cent.

OMICRON.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity Brother Donal Cameron, who joined us about the middle of March. Brother Cameron is one of the best fellows in the university, having the reputation of being one of the brightest boys and one of the hardest students in attendance this year. He had been asked by nearly all the fraternities here, and Omicron feels proud to call him brother. After the initiation we retired to a fashionable café and had an elegant banquet. It was one of the finest that we have had in some time, and was the occasion of much fraternal joy. Indeed, we had much to be proud of. At our table sat Brother Cameron, whom we had initiated over the invitation of many of the good fraternities here, while in the center was our massive silver vase (won on our last Field Day in a relay-race contest in which all the fraternities entered), from which came

the perfumes of a beautiful bouquet sent to the chapter by one of its fair admirers. Besides this we had two victories to be proud of—at a recent election Morris Sheppard was elected orator to represent the Rusk Society in the intermediate exercises, and Mason Williams was at the same time, from the same society, selected as final orator to represent the society on commencement day. Both races were hotly contested, but both of our men secured good majorities.

One of the most enjoyable social affairs that has diverted the student from his books for some time was the german given by the Pan Hellenic Hop Club, complimentary to Miss Mannie Townley, of Virginia. Miss Townley was universally admired, and there was a large attendance at her german.

Omicron received a neat invitation from Alpha inviting us to their german which comes off in April. We hope they will have a good time and "favor" lots of their pretty girls for us, for Omicron is especially fond of germans and pretty girls.

Brother Shelton, of Alpha-Epsilon, is here with us, and will enter our university next year.

SIGMA.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

At the beginning of the present term we returned only ten men, Brothers Smith and Lee having gone to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It was with no little feeling of regret that we bid good-by to these brethren for we felt that in their departure we had lost two of our best members. We congratulate the university and Upsilon Chapter on getting two such good men.

Since the holidays none of the fraternities represented here have initiated any new men, and it is barely probable that any initiations will be made this term.

In the election of marshals for our next commencement, five out of nine are fraternity men. The Kappa Sigmas have 1, Chief, —; the Sigma Alpha Epsilons, 2; Kappa Alphas, 2. Brother White is first marshal from the Eumenean Society, and Brother T. J. Hall is third marshal from the Philanthropic Society.

The 22d of February was celebrated by what is known as "Junior Speaking." The entire Junior class spoke. Kappa Alpha was represented by Brothers J. S. Hall, R. M. Brown, L. T. Mills, S. P. Watson, and E. T. Huggins. The represen-

tatives who speak for the orator's medal, given by our two literary societies jointly, were chosen at this speaking.

Brother E. C. Smith, class of '81, Raleigh, has accepted an invitation to address the Alumni Association at their annual meeting next commencement. Brother Smith was formerly chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

UPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

After much deliberation Upsilon has decided to set to work to secure a fund for a chapter house. Several of the old Kappa Alphas in this State are in favor of this, and have promised us something very handsome if the scheme can be carried through.

Commencement is now not very far distant, and we are beginning to look forward to it with very pleasant anticipation. In the management of affairs on that occasion we are represented by Brother Robertson, who is one of the ball managers, and Brother Garnet Smith, marshal from the Philanthropic Society. We are also pleased to note that Brother Smith has been elected business manager of the *Hellenian*.

The University Glee Club has had another very successful season, and, while not so good as last year, reflects a great deal of credit on the university. Kappa Alpha is represented by Brother Frank Cooke, who sings first tenor.

Brother Devin was elected vice-president of the law class, and also solicitor of the University Court.

The university baseball team opened the season of '93 with a game with the Durham Athletic Association on April 3rd, which resulted in a score of 17 to 5 in our favor. The team plays two games this week—April 12 and 13—with the University of Vermont, and hopes to break even with them. The team, though not as good as we hoped, is still a team that any club will find hard to down, and we think we will rank well in this the first season of the Southern Intercollegiate Association. Brother W. R. Robertson is playing center field in great style; Brother Ellis is playing second base, while Brother Devin holds down first bag.

A club has been recently organized here and club-rooms rented and fitted out. At the meeting for organization the club adopted the name of "'Varsity Club," and the membership was limited to the Scriptural number of twelve. We have four members of the club, viz., Brothers Lee, Smith, Vass, and Devin. At the first meeting Brother Vass was elected president.

PHI.**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.**

As the C. S. was sick at the proper time for writing the chapter letter to the JOURNAL, our letter was unavoidably omitted, but we trust that this shall not occur again in the future.

Our chapter life has been of the greatest harmony during the past three months, nothing unpleasant occurring within its domain to disturb its harmonious progression in the least.

We are daily growing in strength and power as a chapter. Although the majority of our men are young and members of the lower classes, yet they are marching steadily to the front and are recognized to be men of true worth.

We have fallen a victim to the inevitable in the past, and made a few mistakes in the selection of men, but we have exercised the greatest care this session and have made no mistakes in this respect.

We are numerically inferior to our sister chapters, but in point of zeal and fraternity enthusiasm, we are the peer of all.

The selection of orators and commencement debaters took place some time since, and Kappa Alpha was signally honored. Brother G. C. Ellis, our worthy G. M., was elected a commencement orator from the Belles Lettres Society, while your humble scribe was chosen as a representative of the Clariosophic Society upon this occasion.

The faculty selected Brothers Acton, Beard and Cocke as three of the contestants for the Sophomore medal next June.

We were greatly delighted by a visit which Brother E. T. Harrison paid us during last month. He spent several days in our city before departing to take charge of his circuit in Texas. He was one of us for several sessions, and was a general favorite.

I have failed in my former letters to the JOURNAL to state to the fraternity-at-large that two of our alumni, Brothers Brown and Christenberry, are filling the chairs of Chemistry and English, respectively, in this institution.

Brother G. C. Ellis has been elected as Phi's delegate to the State Association, which is to take place with A.B. in June.

Where is the convention to be held? is the question of general interest at present. Phi cast its vote in favor of Atlanta.

With fraternal greetings we close.

CHI.**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.**

Since our last writing there has been but little added to the history of Chi Chapter that is worth reporting through the columns of the JOURNAL. Hence I fear that for this issue Brother Keeble will have to content himself with a very short and, as is unnecessary to state, a very poor chapter letter from Chi. However, we do not like to break the resolution we made at the outset, not to let a KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL come out without something at least in the way of a Chi Chapter letter; and the readers of the JOURNAL may consider that it is to this resolution they are indebted for this imposition.

Our last letter was written too late to report Brother Bland's success on the 22d of February, in winning the place of Vanderbilt delegate to the Southern Collegiate Oratorical contest which takes place at Columbia, S. C., in May; although I believe the fact was reported in another department of the JOURNAL. This is the highest oratorical honor in the gift of the university, and Chi Chapter, as well as the fraternity at large, is justly proud of Brother Bland's success. We await with eager expectation the result of the contest at Columbia.

At the "Concour" held recently to decide who should contest for "Founder's" and "Young's" medals for oratory, Brother Rucker was one of the four selected to contest for the first named honor. This contest takes place on Founder's Day, May 27.

Brothers Washburn and Davis, the Kappa Alpha members of the Vanderbilt Glee Club, report that upon the occasion of the club's concert in Clarksville; they were shown all the attention and courtesies possible by the members of Alpha Epsilon Chapter at the Southwestern Presbyterian University at that place. And we are requested by them to express, through the JOURNAL, their hearty appreciation of the courtesies shown them. The club reports a very large and enthusiastic audience at this place, and their entertainment at the Vendome Theatre of this city on March 23 was all that could be desired.

Our baseball team has gotten itself in tolerably fair "trim" and has high hopes of winning the Southern championship this season, Vanderbilt being a member of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Association. Kappa Alpha is represented upon the team by Brother Prince Hawkins, who plays third base with all the grace and precision of a professional.

At our last meeting Brothers Bland, Malone, Jackson, Dennis, and Ratcliffe were re-elected to the offices of G. M., S. M., C. S., K. U., and K-a-A., respectively; and the following new officers were elected: Brother Hawkins, G. S.; Brother Seay, C. H.; Brother Garrett, C.; and Brother McVoy, P. Upon the night of our next meeting, the time of the installation of the new officers, Chi Chapter will have its annual banquet at the Duncan of this city, and of course a great time is anticipated.

With spring greetings to all the sister chapters we close.

PSI.

TULANE UNIVERSITY.

As a result of initiations held during the past two months, we present to the order four new members, Messrs. Joseph S. Brown, Algiers, La.; Paul Joseph Germain Conrad, New Orleans, La.; Paul Ambrose, Sompayrac, Louisiana, and Ovmel Hinckly Simpson, Louisiana. Brother Simpson is the valedictorian of this year's law class. All stand well in their respective classes and in the estimation of their fellow students.

On the evening of March 4, Psi chapter held a reunion and banquet. Some fifteen or twenty of our boys, with their guests, sat down to partake of the dinner, which had been so royally prepared for them. If there are any persons who have doubts as to the good feeling and brotherly love existing among fraternity men, they should have been present with us on that occasion. One hour spent amid that genial crowd would have convinced the most skeptical.

I think some explanation is due from us as to why we did not have a State convention in February. The principal reason is that the chapter at Baton Rouge was not able to send a representative. We therefore decided to wait until all three of the chapters in the State could attend. This will most likely be during the summer vacation.

The all-absorbing topic now is the spring games of the T. A. A. Several of our boys have entered, and we hope to have one or two winners from our ranks.

The chapter had the pleasure lately of meeting Brother H. H. White, ex-"K. C.," who was in town on business and paid us the compliment of attending our meeting. Brother White gave us some very valuable advice as to the carrying on of some parts of our work, in which we were not well posted.

The writer does not know the opinion of the members indi-

vidually, as to the place of holding the next convention, but the impression among a good many of us seems to be that a quieter place than Chicago should be selected if any business is to be transacted. I myself am in favor of Nashville, Tenn. It is as central a location as could be found.

I think it would be worth while if the alumni of New Orleans, would bestir themselves and form a chapter. There are a great many Kappa Alphas in the city, who are as true and loyal to their fraternity as in the days when they mingled with their brothers in the chapter hall. All they need is to awake to the exigencies of the occasion.

We would like to know if there is such a thing as a Kappa Alpha yell. There are times when we would like very much to give vent to our enthusiasm by a "yell" but as we know of none we can't do it.

It has been current for some time among a great many Kappa Alphas that Psi has but recently emerged from a condition bordering on chaos. As far as it is our in power to do so, we shall endeavor to dispel such illusions and show that erstwhile we have been lax and indifferent, yet we are as true to our principles as any wearer of the "crimson and gold."

ALPHA-ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Owing to the fact that vacation at the university is during the winter months instead of summer, Alpha-Alpha's chapter letter was missing from its appointed place in the last issue of the JOURNAL.

With the advent of March has come the opening of the Lent term of the university and the happy reunion of all the loyal sons of Kappa Alpha, who, next to their glorious Order, love and revere their Mother Mount—Sewanee.

Our first chapter meeting was held on the 21st ult., and a most happy and propitious occasion it was, for at that time we initiated into the mysteries of our sacred Order one worthy of us in every respect, Mr. James Moore Yeaman, of Henderson, Ky., a brother who will always be a pride to his chapter and an honor to the Order. Brother Yeaman has passed the winter at Sewanee in hard study, and entered the university at the opening of the Lent term.

On Tuesday, March 28, we had the pleasure of initiating Mr. Robert Benedict, of Fort Meade, Fla., and have thereby

added to our number a brother most true and loyal. Brother Benedict was formerly at Rollins College, but entered the University of the South at the opening of the present term.

All our men report a very happily spent vacation. Many of the brothers have varied their classical research by making a study of the feminine sex, and all pronounce it a very interesting study.

Brother Morehouse has been in winter quarters at his home in Milwaukee, Wis., where he has made himself famous in the greatest social event of the season in that city, the rendition of the play "Esmeralda," by local talent, our brother being the unrivaled star; and as he was manager of the affair it was, of course, a grand success.

Brother Graham has been in Richmond during most of the winter. At the meeting held in that city which resulted in the organization of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Brother Graham was elected secretary and treasurer.

Brother Hodgson was also present at the meeting, thus giving Kappa Alpha prominence on this occasion of so much interest to Southern colleges. Later in the season Brother Hodgson made an extended tour of Florida, which trip was a source of enjoyment to Brother Hodgson.

Brothers Constant and Keene have been hunting game (of various sort) in the wilds of Louisiana. We are happy that Brother Keene is with us again, especially in view of the fact that he had not expected to return to the university this term.

Brothers Northrop and Gresham have been pursuing their theological studies during the winter at Sewanee.

Brother Hamilton has been studying during the past three months and meditating upon the probability of taking his M. A. Degree in August.

Brother Howard has been studying mathematics at Sewanee, and has passed all his classes in a brilliant manner.

Brother Robinson has been to the wild and woolly West. We advise all would-be hunters to avoid Dakota for some time to come—that is if they hope to hunt anything, or rather to find anything when they hunt, for we are certain that if there is any game left in those trackless wilds after Brother Robinson's visit thither, it is not Brother Robinson's fault.

Brothers Craighill and Hicks have been hibernating at their respective homes, as have also Brothers Mikell and Dozier. Madame Rumor says that Brother Mikell has been doing more

than merely rustivating, but he is a discreet man and wise, and saith nothing.

Brother Berghaus has been making praiseworthy efforts to refrain from taking root on the banks of the Delaware. While en route for Sewanee he had the honor of meeting our worthy K. C. and several of the members of Alpha-Lambda Chapter in Baltimore, where he was most hospitably received.

'Twas but a few days after the opening of the term and the reunion of the chapter took place that all Sewanee was overwhelmed with grief at the loss of one of her most honored and revered benefactors and friends. But with her the whole South weeps, for he who was the last survivor of all the Confederate generals, he who so nobly fought for his country and convictions, who loved so well the Lost Cause, General Edmund Kirby Smith, is no more. His death occurred on the 28th ult., after a brief illness, though his health had been failing for some time past. Comment upon such a life as his is quite unnecessary, for "His works do follow him." His best monument is in the hearts of the Southern people. The funeral of the late General took place on Good Friday, March 31st, with fitting religious services and military honors.

Alpha-Alpha sends greeting to all her sister chapters.

ALPHA-BETA.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Since our last letter to the JOURNAL everything has been very quiet at the University, the fraternal feeling of our little circle has not been in the slightest degree ruffled, and our joys are as many as our annals are few.

Our members are now indulging that restful feeling which attends the completion of long continued, hard work. The intermediate examination has been passed by us all, and we think, by most of us, creditably. The boys now have much more leisure time than before, and Brother Smith, the captain of the University baseball nine, is taking advantage of it by putting his team in tiptop order, and we expect that the University nine, headed by our popular brother, will take a high stand in the Southern Intercollegiate Association.

At our last meeting we elected chapter officers, with the following result: G. M., Northington; M., S. M. and P., Yuille; G. S. and C. S., Crow; K. at A., Sloss; K. U. and C., Pratt; C. H., Northington, A.

At our next meeting the present officers will turn over the affairs of the chapter to these brothers who have been elected to conduct them. And we feel confident that under their guidance Alpha Beta will continue to hold her high place in this school, and add much credit to our order.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

As the months roll rapidly onward and the end of the session draws nearer and nearer, we realize the fact that some of us will part never to meet again in this world. Some of us will complete our education and will be launched upon the tempestuous sea of life; some will return to school, and others—who can tell what will happen? These thoughts arouse feelings of sadness and determination, and we are more than ever resolved to struggle onward, upward, higher and higher in defense of the beautiful and noble principles of our beloved Order, from which we have derived so much benefit.

It is with regret and shame that we acknowledge that we have not responded to our duty in the past as freely as we should have done, but for this we are not entirely at fault. Our alumni as a whole are as much, if not more, to blame than are we. One thing that seems strange, very strange to me, is this: Why is it that when a person is speaking of his school days he always counts the hours spent in his fraternity hall as the "most delightful of all?" Why does he speak of "faces and voices never to be forgotten," and of the love which he holds for his fraternity, and yet when he is called upon to perform the least duty why does he treat your request with dignified silence? I am unable to understand why if he has such "tender recollections" and so much love, he does not render a little assistance once in a while. We are all aware of the fact that one kind action weighs more than all the delicately expressed sentiments in the world, and wish that our alumni would get this strongly impressed on their brains, and would not try to come any such foolishness on us again.

Some time ago we resolved to repair our hall, and politely requested our alumni to assist us. With the exception of *three*, they all wished us "success in our noble undertaking" and informed us that they took as much "interest in the chapter as ever." Now, if delicately expressed sentiments repaired halls, we would have a palace, but, unfortunately, as they do not, we

would rather have had the "wherewithal." The majority did not even fill out the blank sheets. Truly, we have an unruly alumni to deal with. Information in regard how to rule them is respectfully solicited. However, we succeeded in repairing our hall, and it is the prettiest on the grounds. The Sigma Nus are going to build a new chapter house.

We are constantly under obligations to the "fair sex" of B. R. for numerous favors.

At our last meeting we were the grateful recipients of some delicious cakes, presented by Misses Ada Reddy and Blanche Duncan. These young ladies, together with Misses Ollie Steele and Irene Tunnard, assisted us in decorating the interior of our hall. We challenge any fraternity to furnish four more loyal or more beautiful friends.

At our last meeting Brother Whitaker was elected S. M. and C. H.

Brother Gustine was compelled, on account of sickness, to resign from school. He expects to study medicine at Tulane next year. We were sorry lose him, but congratulate Psi on capturing him. This reduces our number to eight.

A gloom has been thrown over us by the death of Brother John Cordell. He died in Bryan, Tex. While at school Brother Cordell was one of our most active members, and since he left us he always evinced great interest in us.

The proverbial "shears" of the editor played sad havoc with A.-G.'s last letter. One would think that my conception of poetry is indeed brilliant. How sadly would he be deceived! For fear that this letter will share the same fate I will close.

ALPHA-DELTA.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE.

I put my hand to this, the last contribution of the chapter for this year, not without some regret in being unable to sum up a year of unprecedented success; but I can say we have stemmed the tide and that creditably. We have four good, strong men, all of whom will be back next year, this, we think, will give us a good start.

We are looking forward to a very much increased attendance as the college is fast gaining a promising notoriety.

Brother C. W. Howell, formerly of Alpha Kappa, we note with pleasure has succeeded in winning the oratorical medal at the University of Michigan. The subject of his production was

"Socialism at the Bar of Nature." We look upon this as victory for Alpha Delta as he was with us last year.

William Jewell College has come to the front recently in this State by the success of her representative (Phi Gamma Delta) in the Intercollegiate Oratorical contest. The taking of the first honor in this contest entitles him to the representativeness of Missouri in the Interstate contest to be held at Columbus, Ohio, May 4. This is not the first success for William Jewell as she holds more medals than any institution in the State.

The annual address before the literary societies of the college, which was given last year by the well-known "Bill Arp," will be given this year by the Hon. W. C. P. Breckenridge, of Kentucky. We consider ourselves fortunate in securing that distinguished gentleman.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL we have initiated into our midst Samuel Thomas Day, of Glasgow, Kan., whom we take pleasure in introducing to the Order.

We have come by the information that a movement is on foot to organize an alumni chapter in Kansas City, Mo. We urge that the work be pushed through. It would very materially benefit us, as it is so near. It would make us better known to the people about here and too, our chapter in conjunction with this alumni chapter would make a strong coalition to take in hand any further advancement that shall be made in this State. We heartily urge the movement.

We are now resting on our arms awaiting our June examinations and frolics, among the later figures our annual convivium, a fitting climax to the pleasures had at each other's hand and a reminder of what are to come.

I think we voice the sentiment of Missouri when we urge the meeting of the convention to be held at Chicago. While of course we could hardly invite the convention to Liberty, we have an interest in its place of meeting. No doubt to some of us the name convention is an unrevealed mystery, as there is not a man in our present chapter who has seen the convention in session or even seen anyone who has. The meeting at Chicago would enable us all to be present with but little inconvenience. Without trying to produce any arguments pertaining to its success if held in the above mentioned city, Alpha Delta lends her influence to the selection of Chicago for holding of the next convention. I think this is the voice of three chapters of Missouri.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY.

Once more we have the pleasure of announcing ourselves to our sister chapters through the JOURNAL. Our last letter was not in the JOURNAL, owing to some misunderstanding, but we hope this one will be more fortunate.

Since we last appeared, Brother Thornwell has had the ability to secure the first place on the list of orators from the Stewart Literary Society to represent that society in the final contest for the medal which takes place in June. We are all of course full of hopes and expectations for his success. Coupled with this is another incident of a sad nature in our chapter life; it is the departure of Brother Rose for his home in Little Rock, Ark. He leaves on account of an affection of his eyes, which necessitated his quitting college. In Brother Rose we lose a true friend and congenial companion, and also a good scholar, one who would have done the Order very great credit in the future as in the past, if he had only remained. We will follow his career in the world with interest, confident always that his record will be one worthy of a loyal knight and a true Kappa Alpha.

We turn from this to a more pleasing picture, and that is the joy which we experienced not many days since in meeting two brothers from Chi, viz., Washburn and Davis, who visited this place with the Vanderbilt Glee Club. The Glee Club made a phenomenal "hit" with the college boys, and so far did this extend that they are speaking of organizing one here.

College affairs in general have been very lively lately in both the scholastic and athletic lines. First on the list comes the organization of classes, viz., '93, '94 and '95. The senior class has adopted the "cap and gown," and they are now worn about the city and on the campus without exciting comment from citizens or students, or emphatic demonstrations from the "small boy," proverbial for his unappeasable hatred to "show" of all kinds.

Brother Thornwell has been elected president of the class of '94.

Baseball is now the rage, and the captain has been elected, but the team is not as yet chosen. There is also talk of forming a second and third nine, which will probably be done in a short time. Brother Thornwell represents us on the first team.

The S. W. P. U. Lawn Tennis Association has been organized with Brother Hamilton as president. The association is having

several courts made on the campus, and the game, to all appearances, will soon be on the "boom" with the college boys.

ALPHA-ZETA.

WILLIAM AND MARY.

Owing to the examinations which have just passed over our heads there is very little news that Alpha-Zeta's scribe can chronicle that will be of interest to the casual reader. February, with its cold, bleak winds has a formidable sound to most college students, and we of William and Mary are no exception to the general rule. Hard study and concentration have been the order of the day, but only time, that arbiter of all questions both great and small, will disclose the results of our endeavors.

As to our general make-up this session, it is in keeping with our past standard, and I think we have as hard working and as diligent students in our little coterie as in previous years. Our initiates for the year up to date, are as follows; M. J. Mason, J. C. Chichester, J. B. O. Goodwyn, G. E. Bennett, J. W. Hoskins and P. W. Howle. This makes our present number nine, but it is very probable that it will be augmented in the near future by some more worthy "goats."

We were very sorry to lose one of our most popular brothers in the person of "Mick" Turner, who left us a short time previous to the examinations to engage in business in Norfolk. May success be his in his new field of labor.

The elections for final men in the literary societies are near at hand and I sincerely hope that some of our members may acquire choice political plums and thus somewhat alleviate the pain of not being represented in the cabinet of the new president.

Having reached about the end of my tether, I must close as all home-sick students with the customary "love to all."

ALPHA-ETA.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

Alpha Eta's scribe extends the sincere greetings of his chapter to all Kappa Alphas of our beloved Southland, and although this is his first chapter letter he hopes that as much profit and pleasure will be obtained from this letter as he has received through other letters.

Fraternity affairs have been of no special importance since our last letter, but there has been much excitement in Westminster over the intercollegiate oratorical contest, which was held March

31, in Mexico, Mo. Brother Sharp was on the Inter Society contest, but he was not successful although his effort was splendid. A special train carried our delegation to the contest, and we sported Westminster's white and yellow in a way that won recognition in several instances. We had the pleasure of meeting all of Alpha Kappa's chapter with the exception of one. Alpha Delta had three men there whom it gave us great pleasure to meet. Altogether there was a great crowd of Kappa Alphas and a crowd more loyal and devoted to one purpose—that of advancing our glorious cross to the utmost heights of fame—is not easily found.

The benefit received from a chance meeting of Kappa Alphas shows what benefit would be received from an organized State meeting.

We have moved into our new room since our last letter, and it fills all with renewed zeal to have once again a place which we can call our own. Our room is the handsomest in Fulton, but we have not furnished it as completely as we wish, only the necessary things have been bought, leaving the luxuries for the future. We have one large assembly room, one large closet for our paraphernalia—which is another futurity—and one small "goat" room, in which we have water and all modern appliances for keeping him cool.

We elect officers in October and April. At our last meeting the following officers were elected: G. M., L. G. Ryland; S. M., Elmer Sharp; G. S., J. F. Barbee; K.-a-A., F. E. Hitner; K. U., O. B. Moore; C. S., H. I. Matthews; C. H., W. K. Steele; Censor, O. B. Moore; Purser, Elmer Sharp.

About the only thing of importance between now and June is the declamatory contest, which will be held April 17. We have two men on, looking from our standpoint, but only one looking from an outsider's. We expect a great deal from both as they are considered by everyone to be in the race.

All the frats here will give a banquet in June. Alpha-Eta gave a nice reception last year, and a banquet year before last, which was never equalled in Westminster. This year we will give another, which will be in line with our former entertainments. We want a reunion of all of our alumni for the strengthening of both them and ourselves, and if they all come we will have a large crowd.

In a recent meeting the matter of place for the convention was brought up, and after much discussion we decided that

Richmond, or some other Southern city, would be preferable to Chicago for several reasons.

Wishing, in the name of Alpha-Eta, prosperity and happiness to each chapter, and to our Order I close.

ALPHA-IOTA.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

Alpha-Iota, or rather her C. S., owes the brothers and the JOURNAL an apology for not sending a letter for the last issue of the JOURNAL. The C. S. was unusually busy at the time and forgot all about the letter until the JOURNAL made its appearance and revealed his negligence. A like thing will doubtless not occur again as Alpha-Iota is anxious to have a communication in each issue of the JOURNAL, and has heaped numerous maledictions upon the head of her C. S. for this his first, and my word for it, last dereliction.

Several things have happened here since our last letter that served to break the monotony of college life for us, and will probably be of interest to the brothers—conspicuous among these is the erection of the gymnasium. It is not altogether “a thing of beauty,” but it is a real gymnasium, and Centenary boys are elated over its establishment. To the students belongs all the praise. We raised the money, secured a suitable room from the board of trustees, and will continue to add to the apparatus until it is complete.

A new fraternity has recently made its appearance in our midst. It is a local organization. It made its debut with eight men, and has since then added one other name to its roll. We wish it success. There has been, and is still unoccupied ground at Centenary, and we are pleased rather than otherwise that it is being occupied. And this new organization promises to do its work exceedingly well.

The last Friday in March was the event of our annual debate between the two literary societies. According to a long-established custom the faculty gave us a holiday, and we enjoyed it thoroughly. In the evening a large crowd of ladies assembled to witness the first exhibition of Centenary College Athletic Association, which proved a decided success. After the exhibition the crowd sought the ball grounds and witnessed an excellent game between the two college teams. The debate that night was excellent. Kappa Alpha had one representative among the four speakers, and he was on the winning side.

At our last meeting we discussed at length the location of the convention for this year, and, by a unanimous vote, decided in favor of Nashville. Nashville is our first choice, but we prefer any Southern city to Chicago.

Alpha-Iota expects her share of the honors at commencement. We will not be as successful as we were last year, but we hope to secure a majority of the honors. We are determined to have a share. If the "plums" do not fall fast enough we will climb the tree and try our hand at shaking, taking good care to leave one or two on the ground to capture them when they do fall. We never resort to chicanery, however. Honors not fairly won are a disgrace. This is, and should be, the policy of every true fraternity man, regardless of his faith.

We have not fully decided as to a banquet, but will decide that important question at our next meeting.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

A demand from Brother Keeble for Alpha-Lambda's chapter letter, for April, has awakened its C. S. from his dream of "there is plenty of time," and brought him to a faint sense, at least, of his duty.

These spring months between Christmas and commencement—when work, work, work, is the sole order of the day, when no "goats" are to be had, and when the vernal laziness and taking-of-life easy hangs over the earth—are the bane of a C. S., whom September found so chatty about "goats," the "old brethren who have returned," "over full with new men," the "superiority (or inferiority) of this year's freshman class as regards fraternity material, compared to those of former years," and "prospects generally." All these topics are not to be touched till next September, when they may be taken down and dusted for use again; he is now truly a pitiable spectacle, and, what is worst of all, finds no sympathy from friends or foes. But enough of the "Sorrows of Werther."

We have had no accession to our number during the past two months; all of us—postgraduates, undergraduates, and specials—have been digging away at our respective lines of work; such in brief is our history since we last found a voice through the JOURNAL.

Our annual election, which took place on Saturday, the 8th of April, resulted in the choice of the following officers: Julius

Blume, G. M.; F. F. P. Cameron, S. M.; E. P. Magruder, G. S.; F. C. Newton, K-a-A.; G. W. Witte, K. U.; H. S. West, C. S.; E. L. Reid, C. H.; F. B. Noyes, Censor; R. L. Pierce, Purser. This election brought to us the first realization of the shortness of the time left us before we part. Several of our number have made other plans for next year, and will not return, while Brothers Noyes, Thieme, and West expect (*diis, id est facultate, faventibus*) to graduate.

The great subject around which for several weeks all university talk has been centered, is the great game of baseball played Tuesday, the 4th, between Hopkins and Yale. Contrary to the most sanguine expectations the score resulted in a tie, 8 to 8, and it has been said by the wiseacres that had the J. H. U. boys appreciated their own prowess they would undoubtedly have won. Whether or not this be an *ex post facto* judgment, which may be called a diluted form of the more positive "I told you so," can't possibly be disproved. At any rate a calm and well-satisfied peace rests upon athletic circles, which, let us hope, will not generate a dangerous overappreciation of their abilities.

To return to chapter matters more distinctively, we watch with interest the decision as to time and place for holding the approaching convention. Our Western contingent is large and of course they favor Chicago. The Eastern boys are for Richmond. The humble opinion of this scribe, in his private capacity solely, and without the slightest effort to conciliate the above diverse views, is that Richmond is the more desirable place. The article in the last number of the JOURNAL, setting forth the advantages of Richmond as a place, and June, perhaps the third week as the time, seems to me excellent.

We were sorry to lose Brother John Singleton, who has been in attendance on the medical courses at the University of Maryland. He has been one of our associate members for two years. With the expiration of the term he left for his home in South Carolina week before last. With best regards for the sister chapters we close.

OMEGA.

CENTRE COLLEGE.

But two months of this session now remain. Then will be separated the members of Omega of '92-'93, after the most prosperous year of her existence.

The introduction of athletics at Centre has opened a new field

for honors to Omega. At our late gymnasium exhibition Kappa Alpha was honored with a beautiful silver tureen through the merits of Brother Wallace Kelly, '96.

Mr. Phil Chinn, of Harrodsburg, Ky., has, since our last letter, become a Kappa. We trust that he will honor the Order, and will always remain true to his vows, with this anticipation Omega presents him to Kappa Alpha.

On April 8, at Lexington, Ky., we were entertained by Theta, our latest chapter. "This assembly brought together the most talented of the youths of our State. No fraternity has ever given such a banquet in our city, and with the local strength now at command many enjoyable entertainments will take place in the future. Kappa Alpha is the strongest and most influential fraternity the South, and is rapidly gaining strength and favor throughout our State." The *Transcript* further compliments our new chapter: "The chapter at the State College is composed of the best material of that institution."

Omega extends her thanks to her hostess and hoping that the fraternity in general will join in congratulating *Theta* upon her success as a chapter, we close.

Editorial.

IN the midst of conventions held by the other fraternities, it is only natural that attention should be given to the one Kappa Alpha is soon to hold. By soon is meant the 13th of September. This may appear to be rather a long time off to be called soon, but when it is considered that the chapters will not remain intact very long after this number of *THE JOURNAL* reaches them, it is soon.

The K. C. announces elsewhere that Richmond, Va., has been chosen as the place of meeting. If Richmond wanted it—and Richmond did want it—it was eminently right to grant Richmond's desire. While other cities are more centrally located, yet Virginia is the mother State of the fraternity. It is well to meet at the homestead now and then. Virginia is noted for much that is good and true, and Kappa Alpha owes much to that State. The gathering of the delegates there will be like going back from the world to visit the old home, to see the good parents and to breathe again the inspirations that set ambition and purpose ablaze in the heart, years and years ago. The name Virginia, the name Richmond, the name of Virginia's chapters and alumni is a guaranty that none will regret being at the next assembling of our Order's legislative body. However, before the convention can be a genuine, well-rounded success, there must not only be genial associations and liberal hospitalities, but there must be a full representation of the numerous chapters. Each chapter should be represented. No doubt each chapter now intends to have a delegate there. These questions are presented to them: Have you chosen your delegate? have you provided means for his journey? If not, choose him and arrange the financial part of the matter. The delegate will be more than repaid for his trouble, and the chapter will be more than repaid for the outlay. The delegate will return filled with a better and truer knowledge of his fraternity, and with a heart full of rich experiences and enthusiasm gotten from being so closely in contact with the entire fraternity. These things will be imparted to his chapter. To those chapters which have not selected delegates, this need be said: Choose a strong, vigorous thinker, an earnest, clear, and forcible speaker, and a liberal-

mindful man, as your representative. If any of these qualities have to be dispensed with, dispense with the speaking quality. By all means do not send a mere orator. Thought and liberal ideas are more needed than rhetoric. This advice is given for two reasons. First, if followed, it will strengthen the convention. Second, as each chapter is to a certain extent measured by the delegate sent, it behooves each chapter to put forward its best man.

Let each chapter begin at once to prepare and continue up to the last moment to be well represented. This will make the next convention one of interest, importance, and influence in the making of the fraternity's history.

The convention should be successful and delightful, an altar of flame where torches may be lighted, to illuminate the years to come.

NO EXISTENCE known to man is a round of successes, pleasures, and progress. There will be failure, disappointment, standing still, and often retrogression. Happy is the man or that organization where the progression, summed up, is greater than the retrogression. For many years Kappa Alpha has gone continually forward, yet there have been times when loss was imminent, and sometimes it was a reality. In the past year the chapters of Zeta and Rho became practically lifeless. The fate of Rho was due to the legislation in reference to the University of South Carolina, and the effect it had upon Kappa Alpha was but the effect felt by all of the fraternities established there. The condition of Zeta seemed to be due as much to the membership as to anything else.

After the spell of blues that came to the fraternity with the knowledge of the condition of these two chapters, the entire Order is prepared to hail with delight the announcement that the spark of life has not entirely gone from Zeta. Not only has the spark not faded out, but on the contrary it is increasing, and if nothing unforeseen occurs next year this chapter will resume the performance of active duties. The duty of all is to give countenance and assistance in bringing about a complete restoration.

While the sleeping Zeta was being walked up and down, and beaten and pinched, as the victim of an overdose of *tinctura opii* (as the apothecary says), there seems to have been a waving of

the wand over the sepulchre of Pi. In all probability, before this is read, Pi Chapter will be a living rather than a dead chapter.

There is something inexpressibly gratifying in retrieving a loss. So it seems that the revivification of these chapters should infuse cheerfulness into every one. From these revivals we turn to the new chapter, Theta, which has been recently organized at the State College of Kentucky, at Lexington, Ky. From reports the chapter is well located, and as the anti-fraternity laws have recently been abolished, there are few rival chapters to divide the material. So we continue to build up the waste places and to enter into new territory. Kappa Alpha is to-day larger, stronger, better organized than ever in its history.

FOR sometime after the last convention there was much discussion of the new method adopted for granting charters. It came to some as a shock and surprise. Rather radical in its tendency toward conservatism, it differed extremely from the very loose regulations heretofore in the constitution. From this surprise there sprang up opposition. Of course the details of the law may be altered and improved. Of necessity it is not perfect, and therefore is open to some just criticism. The principle of the law and the motive which led to its adoption are absolutely beyond criticism. That principle and motive are one, and this, to prescribe by law a course which, if conscientiously followed, will result in few if any mistakes in the building up of chapters. The day has passed when it can be safely left to one man in a general way to fill an office. The policy of the present is to so surround a man by rules and regulations, and to so plainly outline duty, and to give such aid in the way of counsel, that a man should rarely err in the discharge of his duties. Should rarely err, it is said, unless the law is disregarded and conscience violated. The next convention will grapple with this question, and as it settles it so it will remain.

The old way must not be returned to. Improve the new way; remove any objectionable feature, make it workable if it is not so now, but never return to the old way which has scattered the dust of dead chapters abroad and fills the nostrils of history with the smell of decay. No man has greater respect for the critics who assail our present system, but personal conviction and reason are guides that lead the conscientious man more powerfully than anything else. The discussion of the question by the next

convention shall be free from feeling and stripped of prejudice. The good of the Order of to-day is paramount to a personal victory, and the pet schemes of the writer shall go down with the pet schemes of every other delegate if those pet schemes are contrary to the general welfare of the fraternity. In the meantime, think on these things. Think on the faults and think of remedies. The man who finds weakness, but has no strengthening plaster, is a useless ornament in any hospital. So do not come with a desire of tearing down, unless you have something that you honestly believe to be better to take its place.

FOR nearly six years the present editor has had control of the chapter letter department. Away back in the period of the JOURNAL with the castle and knight on the cover, the present editor as editor in charge of the chapter letter department, corrected and revised the letters sent for publication. Not only this, but he harangued and entreated the different secretaries to write, and to write good letters. From then to now the same theme has been written upon continually. These urgent entreaties, or some other power, have brought about a better state of affairs. Few of the letters need any change. Some of them rather ardent in their self-praise, but this is somewhat excusable, as it is somewhat the fashion. It is true also that even this month one letter came written on both sides of the paper—in editorial eyes the one unpardonable sin. But let all of that pass. What seems now to be the great difficulty is how to get the letters written promptly. Every issue is more or less delayed by the delinquent letters. There must be letters in the JOURNAL or its mission is in a great measure lost. There is one request that is hereby made of every chapter correspondent, and that request is this: send in a letter by the fifth of July. It is the purpose of the staff to make the mid-summer number interesting from the standpoint of chapter news and commencement information.

It is sincerely hoped that the chapter correspondents will not overlook nor slight this appeal to them. Help us make the JOURNAL take higher and better rank among the various fraternity magazines! This can be done by making the chapter letter department full and interesting. Will these words fall as on stone, and parch?

ONE of the most startling pieces of news that has appeared in the recent Greek Press is the Phi Kappa Psi trouble at the State University of Wisconsin. It seems that a whole chapter has resigned itself out of that fraternity and proposes, judging from indications, to join some other order. The ultra-conservative editor of the *Shield* usually takes his way with an equanimity that is as remarkable as it is admirable. The adjective rarely appears in the drama he presents behind the editorial footlights. Heretofore, when adjectives appeared, it was but a passing from wing to wing; a bow to the audience in the meantime. In the last issue, this worthy occupant of the tripod rises from his calm into the atmosphere of tempests. Adjectives rush upon the stage, adjectives in armor, adjectives with swords and spears, and the play that was erstwhile like to the dramatic production known as "The Old Homestead," bloomed into a tragedy as strong and full of epithet as Lear.

Judging from the accounts given of the affair, the indignation given vent to is just and praiseworthy. There seems no justification for such conduct on the part of the chapter, and all Greekdom should rise up and pronounce a solemn censure. It is to be hoped that no other fraternity will receive the resigned chapter. It is to be hoped that the policy of lifting men, either directly or indirectly, is extinct. It is bad enough if the resignations were tendered without influence from any alien order. If, as is hinted at in the *Shield*, some rival organization engendered the withdrawal, it makes a blot upon the character of that rival fraternity that cannot be erased. A fraternity that will attempt to steal a chapter from another is guilty of such a crime as to merit ostracism at the hands of all upright, honorable organizations. Nor does it matter whether the chapter was taken by force and arms, or was seduced into revolt by the sinuous arts of cunning men. It is to be hoped that no fraternity has been guilty of the crime of enticing in any manner a chapter from Phi Kappa Psi. The only policy of self-preservation is for fraternities to refuse to countenance such conduct on the part of a chapter, and the best way for a fraternity to frown upon it is never to receive the withdrawing members into fellowship.

THERE will be a congress of fraternity editors in Chicago, Wednesday, July 19, at 10 A.M. This ought to be not only an instructive and improving meeting, but it certainly should be a

pleasant one. To meet the men with whom one feels so well acquainted and yet has never seen.

It would be pleasing to us to meet any of the editors of fraternity publications. It would be especially pleasing to meet the editors of the *Anchora*, the *Trident* and the others of the feminine wing of the editorial army. Some of these are down on the JOURNAL. It would be pleasant to meet them and try to let them see that what they took for harsh criticism was not meant to be harsh, and to convince them of the high place their magazines occupy in the sanctum of Kappa Alpha.

It will be profitable to see mind and mind come in contact and to see the flash that contact brings about. It will be profitable to hear the discussion of questions from various standpoints. To the inexperienced editor this meeting means much.

The result of the congress will be renewed energy and life in the pages of the various magazines; a kindlier feeling and a broader comprehension of general questions, and a keener insight into necessary details.

All should be there who can be there.

THERE are men who do well for awhile but give out before the end is reached. Just as some horses are great speeders in the first half but fail to respond to the whip and spur as they enter the stretch.

The year is drawing to a close. The crucial test of examinations must be met. Have you done well so far? Then do as well from this until the end. Have you not done well so far? Then it is of greater importance that the last portion of the session should be diligently utilized in making advancement. Raising the averages, pressing to a creditable close of the year. Do not neglect the class work. There are other things coming in the garb of honors which are more glittering, more enticing, than the reward that the student receives. Perhaps the medal for oratory attracts one, the prize upon the athletic field draws another. Good things they are so long as they are side issues and do not distract attention from the main work. Men go to college to do the work in the course. The parents pay for this and they expect it and they have a right to expect it. Besides this there is in every student a being, half sleeping now, that demands this. If the demand is slighted, when the clashing noise of life

arouses this half sleeping being into full wakefulness, it will reproach the student for having failed to develop his faculties.

The college has a claim upon each student. The relation between *alma mater* and student is reciprocal. The student demands instruction, the *alma mater* demands that the student profit by the instruction given. Thus is the institution introduced and advertised to the world by the character and scholarship of those who have been students.

Your chapter demands this. Class standing and general education do much to give prestige to the chapter, and thereby to the entire fraternity.

Higher than all these man owes a duty to his fellow men and to his God to do all he can to better the world. To do this great preparation is needed. While it is true only a part of this preparation is gotten at college, but it is an all-important part, it is the most important part, the foundation. So, then, let the remainder of the school year be diligently employed. Work well and meet the examinations as one strong, and in a certain kind of rejoicing. This will certainly never be regretted.

Greek News and Clippings.

Alpha Tau Omega has concocted a new war cry,

Hip, hurrah! Hip, hurrah!
Three cheers for Alpha Tau!
Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!

Psi Upsilon has expended \$12,000 in remodeling her chapter house at the University of Michigan.

Melville D. Landon, more generally known by his *nom de plume*, Eli Perkins, was recently initiated into the Union College Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

For reasons not mentioned, Kappa Sigma's chapter at Butler University, Indiana, has "defuncted" and two of its members cast their lots with Phi Delta Theta.

If we are to judge from the report of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's correspondent to the Sigma Chi *Quarterly*, the Boston Sigs introduce an occasional diversion into the regular chapter meeting. He remarks:

At our last meeting we had quite a time; the poet and orator had their contributions ready, and as we adjourned to the dining-room the flow of wit and beer continued for a long time.

Wit and beer are considered by some people as quite necessary articles, provided their flow is distinct, but it is not hard to imagine that the combination might produce an hilariously good time, or better still what the correspondent chooses to term "quite a time."

At the periodical "District Conferences" of Phi Kappa Psi, meetings independent of the general gatherings called the Grand Arch Councils, there is in vogue a law requiring a "model initiation" to be enacted for the obvious purpose of exhibiting to the various delegates a correct interpretation of these very important ceremonies. Such a custom it would seem is extremely commendable, and in fact, necessary, as it is certainly remarkable what a vast difference exists in the manner of carrying out our own beautiful initiation ceremony among the various chapters.

No doubt the President appreciates the warm reception accorded him since he succumbed to Sigma Chi's rushing and ultimate initiation. The editor of the *Quarterly* apologizes to the best of his ability for the much commented upon occurrence. The subject is finally disposed of in the following language:

The sentiment of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, like that of almost all other fraternities, is opposed to honorary membership. And yet, when one of our chapters, in a misinterpretation of our law against honorary membership, invited Mr. Cleveland to join, his personal popularity throughout the entire Fraternity was so great that special legislation was finally passed so as to authorize his initiation. There never has been the slightest objection to Mr. Cleveland's initiation, on personal or political grounds, and, therefore, since the question of fraternity policy in this instance was settled in favor of such initiation at a special Grand Chapter held in New York city, January 24, the warm regard for Mr. Cleveland throughout the entire Fraternity, now gladly asserts itself in this public manner. Mr. Cleveland will stand as *the* honorary member of Sigma Chi in recent years, and the only one for the future, a distinction in our Order which we believe that no other man in the United States could have secured.

It is to be hoped that this is the grand finale of the Cleveland episode.

The following notice indicating the numerical standing of the various fraternities at University of North Carolina is clipped from the Sigma Nu *Delta*:

	Faculty.	Post Grad.	Law.	Med.	'93.	'94.	'95.	'96.	Total.
Delta Kappa Epsilon.....	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	9
Sigma Nu.....	..	..	3	..	2	..	3	6	14
Phi Delta Theta.....	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	1	5
Phi Kappa Sigma.....	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	4
Alpha Tau Omega.....	..	1	2	..	1	1	3	1	9
Sigma Chi.....	..	..	4	..	..	1	3	3	11
Kappa Alpha.....	2	..	3	..	..	3	3	3	14
Beta Theta Pi.....	..	..	1	..	1	3	1	4	10
Phi Gamma Delta.....	..	..	1	..	3	2	3	6	15
Zeta Psi.....	1	..	1	..	4	1	3	2	12
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....	..	..	1	..	2	3	2	7	15
Chi Phi.....	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3
Omicon Nu Epsilon.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Delta Psi.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Psi Upsilon.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Phi Delta Phi.....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total.....									125

Many Kappa Alphas, as well as numerous other Greeks, are ignorant of the fact that our fraternity is not the only one confining itself to the Southern section of the country. Pi Kappa

Alpha, though only two years our junior and also a product of Virginia soil, has continually restricted her field by the Mason and Dixon line, and, although as the report of the recent convention states, "five openings" North were available, extension in that direction was "for many reasons deemed unwise."

For rushing methods the chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Allegheny College probably holds the palm. At the opening of the fall term incoming students were met by members of the fraternity on the train and, taken to their club house under guise of its being a boarding hall, were there ensconced and initiated without a real knowledge of the action they were taking.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

It is reported from the outside that our chapter at the University of Virginia is one of the strongest there. "They lead politics and society with the Kappa Alphas." But Omicron is too modest for utterance.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

The author of the above failed to state that the former of the two qualities of pre-eminence was a prophecy which has resulted in a like manner with others of its class.

At the recent convention of Pi Kappa Alpha the banner and yell of the fraternity were revised and the following coat of arms was adopted:

Massive castle, moated and turreted, gate in two parts, both closed; in a semi-circle over the gates Pi Kappa Alpha. On the foundation stones Phi Phi Kappa Alpha. In right hand gate (going in) a small door opened. Guarding the door stands a Grecian soldier, holding in right hand a long spear, but resting on the ground; on left side of belt a key, on right side a dagger.

It is the general opinion, so far as we have been able to learn among fraternity men, that while a collective exhibit at Chicago will be in many ways productive of good to the entire fraternity system, it is from the general Congress that the most tangible and immediate results are to be expected. It will be in every sense an advisory council. A general discussion of topics of universal interest to the fraternities and by men who have given years of thought to the subject, and have learned the valuable lessons of experience cannot but be of real value by the simple and free interchange of views.

On no common field of action do the fraternities meet under such terms of common interest and mutual endeavor as that of fraternity journalism. The opinion has frequently been expressed of late that the sub-congress devoted to the consideration of this branch of fraternity work promises to be one of the most interesting and valuable to be held at Chicago in the interest of college fraternities.—*The College Fraternity*.

The Vanderbilt *Comet*, the fraternity annual, will this year contain cuts of the various fraternity groups instead of the monotonous coats-of-arms which have hitherto been among the illustration features.

The list of college annuals of Southern institutions, which are issued invariably by the fraternities instead of the Junior Class, the almost universal system of Northern colleges, will be added to this year by the University of Alabama and Emory College. Henry Harris, Epsilon, is editor-in-chief of the Emory publication, while the late lamented John L. Hibbard, Alpha Beta, held a like position on the University of Alabama annual.

S. A. E.'s latest fluctuation is eastward. During the past year Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Trinity College, Hartford, have been added to the roll.

Although the annual convention of Phi Kappa Sigma was held in Richmond, the latter part of December, a general convocation will be held during the first week of July, in Chicago. We clip the following from editorials touching convention topics:

At the convention recently held in Richmond, we learned with regret that some of our chapters are not in that vigorous condition of life so greatly to be desired. We also learned that some chapters meet but once a month and then late at night.

The above status of affairs is certainly indicative of justifiable alarm. A chapter at the University of Illinois has been recently established and the "Alumni Chapter of Chicago," instituted.

Another and most important action taken was the adoption of a Bill of Dress, prescribing certain elaborate changes in the dress both of the grand officers and the delegates to the succeeding convention, ordered to go into effect at the next annual convention.

The new official yell of S. A. E. suggested by the Mount Union, Ohio, chapter and adopted by the recent convention is as follows:

Phi Alpha, Allicazee!
Phi Alpha, Allicazon!
Sigma Alph!
Sigma Alph!
Sigma Alpha, Epsilon!

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega Chapters at Ann Arbor, although dating their existence back only a few years, are decidedly the most progressive representatives of their

respective fraternities. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has finished specifications and let contract for a \$10,000 chapter house, which is confidently expected to excel anything of a similar character yet erected there. It will consist of "ample parlors, a billiard room, library, and padded room," and furnish accommodations for twenty-six men. It is intended that it shall be completed by the opening of the next scholastic year in October. It might not be irrelevant to state that the \$10,000 is borrowed money.

The *College Fraternity* records the fact that Alpha Tau Omega intends raising her rival a "few stacks" and will invest some \$12,000 or \$15,000 in a like enterprise.

The Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* records the much-to-be regretted fact that several of the fraternities have withdrawn from the World's Fair exhibit for the scarcely credible reason of jealousy. Since the manner of exhibit has been altered to a general one instead of an individual one it is not altogether improbable that some of the so-called blue blooded conservatives considered this an infringement upon their rights to outshine their Western and Southern rivals, who of course are much younger and consequently have n't requisite materials for an elaborate exhibition. According to the *Palm*, the secretary's list at present contains only the following fraternities: Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Upsilon, Kappa Alpha (Southern), Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Delta Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Phi Kappa Psi, and Chi Phi, and that it is most likely that the first mentioned of these will ultimately withdraw.

Sigma Phi has sustained a very heavy loss in the burning of her chapter house. The house was the best here and one of the finest if not the finest in the country. The loss is estimated at about \$35,000; it will be rebuilt at once.—*Delta Tau Delta Cor. from Williams College.*

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Chapter at the University of Colorado has let contract for the erection on the university extension of a two-story brown stone chapter house with pink stone trimmings. The site is a charming one at the base of the most picturesque foothills of the Rockies with Long's Peak, Pike's Peak and the Continental Divide visible in the distance.—*College Fraternity.*

The recent public attitude of President Harper and the University of Chicago authorities, is said to have warmed into existence an organization, including Wheaton College, Lake Forest University, Chicago Theological School and some others, which has been formed for the avowed purpose of antagonizing fraternities. They claim to have a correspondence bureau, publish articles against fraternities, and furnish speakers for the same purpose.—*Phi Delta Gamma Quarterly*.

Our annual, the "Corks and Curls," has hitherto been published by the general fraternities at the university. This year, for the first time, a delegate from the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity appeared at the first meeting of the Board of Editors and voted in the election of the editor-in-chief. As the election of the editor-in-chief hinged on this vote, ten fraternities have withdrawn from the management of the "Corks and Curls," and declared that they would take no further share in its production. They gave as their reasons for this step, first, that the Phi Delta Phi has always been regarded here as a quiz club and not as a general fraternity; secondly, that as the delegate from the Phi Delta Phi was also a member of a regular fraternity, that fraternity thus had two votes in the management of the annual. Here the matter rests at present. The case is a curious and interesting one as determining the status of Phi Delta Phi.—*University of Virginia Cor. Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

Delta Tau Delta's Tufts and Lehigh Chapters have recently entered chapter houses.

Delta Phi has come to life at the University of Michigan, having remained dormant for a number of years.

Kappa Sigma has fallen in line again at Trinity. Her former chapter seems to have had a successful existence from its organization in '73 till fraternities were excluded in '79. The same set of laws are in vogue at present, but from indications are merely nominal, as A. T. O. is likewise in the field and seems to make no effort to conceal its existence.

The Chicago alumni of Delta Kappa Epsilon have indorsed the establishment of chapters at both Chicago University and Northwestern. Northwestern is located at Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, and shelters a local Tau Kappa Phi, which has existed for some years with a view of receiving entrance into Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Personals.

RECENT INITIATES.

Mu.	
Norman G. James.....	Lowndesboro, Ala.
Nu.	
H. H. Smith.....	_____
OMICRON.	
Donal Cameron.....	_____
Psi.	
Joseph S. Brown.....	Algiers, Ga.
Paul J. G. Conrad.....	New Orleans, La.
Paul Ambrose	Sompayrac, La.
Ovamel Hinckly.....	Simpson, La.
ALPHA-ALPHA.	
James Moore Yeaman	Henderson, Ky.
Robert Benedict.....	Fort Meade, Fla.
ALPHA-DELTA.	
Samuel Thomas Day.....	Glasgow, Kan.

J. O. Atkinson (Tau), is taking a course at Harvard.

O. D. Killebrew (Nu) is a successful engineer near Newton, Alabama.

Wallace C. Riddick (Tau), is a professor in the A. & M. College, Raleigh, N. C.

Carl V. Reynolds (Delta), is attending lectures in the Medical Department of Columbia College, N. Y.

Alpha-Alfa chapter had the pleasure of a visit from Brother J. Ross Thomas, of Nashville, on March 31.

J. Elmer Turner (Omega), since graduating in '92, has been teaching at the Centre College Academy, Danville, Ky.

Brother D. H. Hamilton, Jr. (Alpha-Alfa) has been appointed third assistant instructor in the Sewanee Grammar School.

George Lafayette Johnson (Iota) is principal of Wadsworth School, Laurens county, S. C. His address is Kinards, S. C.

Rev. Wm. Torrey Howe (Alpha-Alfa) is now in charge of St. Paul's Parish, Woodville, Miss., to serve during his diaconate.

F. P. McConnell (Nu) is banker in Talladega, Ala.

G. W. Harris (Nu) is a machinist in West Point, Ga.

W. H. Oates (Nu) is in the drug business in Mobile, Ala.

Robert M. Davis (Alpha-Beta) is studying medicine at Tulane University.

W. M. Bross (Alpha-Beta) is a professor in the M. M. I. Marion, Ala.

Henry T. Debardeleben (Nu) is doing splendidly, being superintendent of Iron Furnace at Bessemer, Ala.

H. G. Crowder (Nu) is president and general manager of a coal company in Birmingham, Ala., and is doing well.

H. B. Abernathy (Nu) is destined to be a shining light in legal circles, being now an able lawyer in Birmingham, Ala.

MARRIED.—At Sewanee, Tenn., January 4, 1893, William Norman Guthrie and Miss Annie Norton Stuart, of Sewanee.

Coleman Wortham, one of the last members of our departed Zeta, is working with the People's National Bank, Richmond, Va.

Brother Chas. L. and Geo. H. Glass (Alpha-Alpha), of Hearn, Texas, are studying engineering at the Boston School of Technology.

John C. Driver (Nu) is doing well running a stock farm near near Augustine, Ala., and true to his name he seems to drive on to success.

A. Y. Sharpe, Jr. (Nu) is a bookkeeper in the Jefferson County Saving Bank, of Birmingham, Ala. He fills his position very successfully.

J. W. Wade, A.B., and W. H. Kilpatrick, A.M., both of Kappa, are associate principals of the Blakely Institute (male and female), Blakely, Ga.

One of the leading firms among the younger lawyers of Atlanta, Ga., is that of Kontz & Conyers, composed of Ernest C. Kontz and Bennett J. Conyers.

Brother Wm. H. Graham (Alpha-Alpha), Professor of Political Science at the University of the South, has tendered his resignation to the University authorities.

Lewis Malone Rice, Victor Irvine Masters, Wesley Wellington Lawton, and Thomas Oswald Lee, all of Iota, are students at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky.

Brother Geo. Fort Milton (Alpha-Alpha) was married to Miss Caroline Mounger McCall on the 8th of February, at the Centenary Methodist Church, Chattanooga, by Rev. Dr. McFerrin.

John E. White, who was the presiding officer of Tau at the time it was suppressed by the faculty in 1890, is pastor of the Baptist church at Wilson, N. C.

Eugene M. Allee (Alpha-Delta), is a practicing physician at California, Mo. He seems to have a "cinch" upon that town, as he is proprietor of the city drug store, besides being the Coroner.

The Armour Packing Company, of Chicago, is represented at Birmingham, Ala., by Edward C. Beard, of Gamma. They could have no better representative, and their interests are in good hands.

At the annual election of the Southern Society, of New York, John R. Abney (Delta), was elected to the office of vice-president. Brother Abney is gaining a reputation for himself as a lawyer in the metropolis.

Edward Chambers Smith (Sigma), has been appointed by the Governor of North Carolina a member of the Board of Internal Improvements. He was nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate March 2.

C. C. Johnson (Nu) is principal of a school at Goodwater, Ala., and judging from our past experience with Brother Johnson and knowing his great intellectual powers, we predict for "Mucket" a brilliant future in the literary world.

Frank Erwin Calloway and J. Walter Young, reported in the last catalogue as residents of LaGrange, Ga., have changed their addresses. The former is city editor of the Columbus (Ga.) *Enquirer-Sun*, while the latter is in Columbia, S. C.

DEATH.—Marshall Orr Ligon (Delta) was killed by the falling of an awning in the latter part of December or the early part of January. The accident occurred somewhere in Oregon, but the date and particulars are not known. These facts are gathered from some alumni circulars recently received by Iota.

The press announces that Hon. Edward Chambers Smith, class of '81, of Raleigh, N. C., will deliver the oration before the Alumni Association at Davidson College Commencement. Smith was the Kappa Alpha essay medalist of 1881, and is also ex-G. H.

The Richmand (Va.) *Dispatch* reports that Prof. William A. Harris (Eta, Alpha-Lambda), of that city, M.A., '86, of Richmond College, Ph.D.; '92, of Johns Hopkins, left for Ripon, Wis., February 7, to take the chair of Greek at Ripon College.

Brother William Norman Guthrie (A.A.) was ordained deacon on St. Agatha's day, Sexagesima Sunday, February 5th, at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio. Brother Guthrie has recently been appointed to the chair of Modern Languages at Kenyon.

George Stewart Livingstone, of Phi, is applicant for the position of special agent in the General Land Office under the present Democratic administration. The entire Norfolk (Va.), alumni chapter authorized him to sign their names to his petition.

Bishop Quintard, of Tennessee, has sent the Rev. William Torrey Howe to serve at St. Paul's, Woodville, Miss., during his diaconate.—From the "Church News of Mississippi and Louisiana," March 1. The Rev. William T. Howe is a member of Alpha Alpha.

George Ruffin Dupuy has given up the tobacco business in Brunswick, Mo., and returned to "the old North State," where his name is so closely connected with all that pertains to Kappa Alpha's welfare. He is now vice-president of the Beaufort county bank, at Washington, N. C.

The Baltimore (Md.) *Sun* of February 24 contains this marriage notice: "Meriwether-Quinn.—On Monday, February 20, 1893, by Rev. Conrad Clever, Colyer Meriwether, of South Carolina, to Miss Lizzie Slack Quinn, of Frederick, Md. (No cards.)" This is evidently Brother Meriwether, of Iota.

Francis Scott Key Smith, lately of Alpha-Zeta, is employed in Baltimore, Md., with Young & Selden, stationers, printers and lithographers, 407 Exchange Place. He is an associate member of Alpha-Lambda and his letters show that he has lost none of the Kappa Alpha enthusiasm for which he was noted while at William and Mary College.

Inman Sanders (Beta), is engaged in the cotton business at Atlanta, Ga. His many friends at the Virginia Military Institute miss him greatly, and were very disappointed that he did not complete his course at that institution. While there he took a very prominent place in his literary society.

The special evening celebration of Washington's birthday in New York was the seventh annual dinner of the Southern Society, which was given in the beautiful assembly room of the Madison Square Garden. Among those present were John Rutledge Abney, Esq. (Delta), and Dr. J. H. Dew (Iota).

Hugh Caperton Preston, of Beta, is mayor of the town of Radford, Va. His "admirable fairness" in the decision of questions of municipal nature which came before him on account of a dead-lock in the town council is much commented upon. He is said to be "an excellent man and mayor."

DEATH.—James McCall Rotan died at his home, at Waco, Texas, on November 17, 1892. His death resulted from injuries received by being thrown from a buggy by a runaway horse on the 15th of November. He was born December 20, 1872, and was initiated by Lambda during his attendance at the University of Virginia in 1890-91.

The names of several of our alumni are found enrolled on the books of Northern colleges. Walter D. Webb (Alpha-Zeta), is studying medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York; Edward C. Fleming (Gamma), is at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Charles Hodgson (Gamma), is at one of the business colleges at Washington, D. C.

St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Suffolk, Va., was the scene of an interesting and impressive service on the 16th of March. The occasion was the ordination, as a full priest of the Episcopal Church, of Rev. John N. McCormick (Zeta). The services were conducted by Bishop Randolph, of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, assisted by several ministers from Norfolk, Va.

W. S. Copeland (Lambda), after successfully editing for several years the Danville (Va.) *Register*, has sold his interest to the other partners, and will rest for a time from active newspaper work. He has been forced to take this step on account of impaired health. If a few months' rest restores him to health, he will probably resume his journalistic duties.

Secretary Hoke Smith has appointed M. Cooper Pope, of Washington, Ga., Chief of the Division of Lands and Railroads in the Secretary's office in the Interior Department. This was one of the first appointments of the new Secretary. Brother Pope was initiated by Gamma, and afterward transferred to Lambda, where he took the law course in 1882-83.

John Temple Graves continues to increase his reputation as a speaker, especially with our Northern friends. We clip the following from a recent paper: "Mr. John Temple Graves made a stirring address Saturday, at the New England Club dinner in Boston, on 'Boston's Kinship with the South.' The speaker was very warmly received."

The press of Richmond, Norfolk, and Petersburg, Va., speak very highly of the University of Virginia Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs which gave exhibitions in those cities during the month of February. Lambda was represented as follows: On the Glee Club, H. F. Parrish, first tenor; George Ainslie, Paul Pettit, and B. W. Moore, first bass. Banjo Club, George Ainslie.

At the annual meeting of the Richmond (Va.), Bar Association in that city, February 14, Jo. Lane Stern (Alpha), was elected third vice-president. The *Dispatch* says, "Mr. James Caskie, the retiring president, delivered an interesting address reviewing the amendments to the code made by the Legislature at its last session." Mr. Caskie stands very high among the members of the Richmond bar, and is an alumnus of Eta.

The Secretary of War appointed several boards of officers, February 14, to meet at various army posts on March 1, for the mental and physical examination of appointees to the United States Military Academy. Among those officers ordered to Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, was Capt. Julian M. Cabell, assistant surgeon. Capt. Cabell is a M.D. of the University of Virginia. He was transferred from Eta to Lambda chapter at that university.

Among the army orders issued February 8, was the following: "First Lieutenant Wm. L. Buck, Thirteenth infantry, will proceed to Madison, Wis., and report to the Governor of that State for temporary duty pertaining to the national guard of that State." Buck's military education was commenced at the Virginia Military Institute, where he was initiated by Beta. He grad-

uated from West Point in 1878, and was appointed a second lieutenant. Was promoted to first lieutenant March 18, 1888.

The Beta Chapter boys seem to aspire to military glory even after they leave the Institute. Baker P. Lee, Jr., is commandant of the Danville (Va.) Military Institute, while the Staunton (Va.) papers of February 25 announce that "Captain Lewis, Berryville, a Virginia Military Institute graduate, has accepted a position in the faculty of the Staunton Military Academy, and will reach this city in a few days to assume the duties of his office." This is Brother J. R. C. Lewis of the class of '91.

The G. H. desires that some of the alumni or chapters will furnish him with the following publications which are still needed to complete the files in his office: "Constitution and Ritual, 1870;" "Catalogue, 1875;" "KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL, Vol. I, No. 3, December, 1879." He would also like to have the addresses of any of the members of Mu Prime, Newberry College; Nu Prime, Pennsylvania College Dental Surgery, Philadelphia; Omicron Prime, Bethel Academy.

Within the last few years a law has been enacted requiring to be published in the *Army Register* the names of those students who stand highest in the military department in the State institutions to which are detailed officers of the regular army. The names of the three cadets who stood highest at the last commencement of the Virginia Military Institute are published in the last issue of the *Register*. They are: James Ross Thomas, Walter Herron Taylor, Jr., and George Blow Elliott, all members of Beta Chapter.

George McK. Bain (Lambda) is a professor in the University School, at Knoxville, Tenn. When the school buildings were burned on the morning of March 22d, he had a very narrow escape. He was awakened by the noise and the cry of fire. There being no fire escape from his room which was on the fourth floor, after being driven back once by the smoke, he finally succeeded in groping his way down stairs, barely escaping with his life. He lost his valuable library, the accumulation of years, his papers and all his clothes.

Anderson R. Logan is the senior member of the firm of Dozier, Logan & Co., hardware, manufacturers of wagon material and harness, Gainesville, Ga. He is one of the initiates of old Theta chapter at Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Ga., in

1871. His name has never before been published as a member of the order. It was omitted in all former catalogues and was discovered after the publication of "Catalogue Corrections," in the February JOURNAL. There are doubtless other members of this chapter still unknown to the order at large, but the G. H. is making strenuous efforts to ascertain them.

PILCHER-FARMER.

On Monday, January 2, 1893, W. Wyman Pilcher was married to Miss Kate Farmer, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. E. B. Farmer, one of the most successful merchants of Warrenton, Ga. The groom is a rising young doctor of Norwood, Ga., and in every way worthy of the prize he has won. His friends in Norwood knew nothing of his marriage until he took them by surprise by driving home with his beautiful and accomplished bride. Brother Pilcher is an alumnus of Epsilon.

At the seventeenth annual convention of the Y. M. C. A., held at Norfolk, February 15-19, Taylor McCoy (Sigma, Lambda) and Henry Moffett Newman (Alpha), were among the delegates, the former from the Staunton and the latter from the Harrisonburg Association. Rev. A. Coke Smith (Delta), of the Granby Street M. E. Church, of Norfolk, conducted the Bible study each day, to the satisfaction of every one and with great credit to himself. During the first day's session "Mr. Taylor McCoy, general secretary, of Staunton, read a very concise and interesting paper on the subject, 'The True Mission of the Physical Department.'" Mr. McCoy also conducted the services in the Effingham Street M. E. Church, in Portsmouth, Va., on the night of the 19th.

Among the many Kappa Alphas present at President Cleveland's inauguration the following are mentioned among others in the parade: John S. Candler (Epsilon), Judge Advocate General on the staff of Governor Northern, of Georgia; W. A. Broughton (Gamma), also of Governor Northern's party; Lieut-Col. Joe Lane Stern, Assistant Inspector General on the staff of Brig.-Gen. C. J. Anderson, of Virginia; Captain Sol. Cutchins (Eta), of that crack organization, the Richmond (Va.) Light Infantry Blues; W. L. Little, Jr. (Lambda), on the staff of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee; S. F. Telfair (Sigma), Military Secretary on the staff of Governor Carr, of North Carolina.

Thomas Dixon, Jr. (Tau), does not depend upon his "robin shooting" experiences to make his name well known to the

public. As a lecturer he is a marked success. The *Baltimore Sun*, of February 8, gives this sketch of him: "The first lecture and concert of a series to be given under the auspices of the Maryland Baptist Young People's Union for the benefit of missionary work, drew a large audience to the Seventh Baptist church last night. The lecturer was Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., of New York, and his subject was 'Backbone.' Mr. Dixon illustrated political backbone by telling the story of how, when a resident of North Carolina, he nominated himself for the Legislature as a Democrat, made his own canvass and was elected. He said, 'A man who has not the courage of his convictions and the nerve to stand his ground had better get out because the world will kick him out.' Mr. Dixon was a graduate student in the historical department of Johns Hopkins University in 1883-4, having previously graduated from Wake Forest College, North Carolina. After leaving the university he went on the stage, where he remained for several seasons. He then returned to North Carolina and entered into politics. For two years he was a member of the lower house of the State Legislature, but this too was abandoned in order to enter the ministry, where Mr. Dixon's peculiar talents soon attracted marked attention. He was pastor of a large church in Boston before going to New York, where in addition to his regular church work he preaches to large audiences in the big auditorium of the New York City Y. M. C. A. He is a brother of Rev. A. C. Dixon, of Brooklyn, formerly of Immanuel Baptist Tabernacle in this city."

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The Greek Press.

"Counsels, when they fly
At random, sometimes hit most happily."
—Herrick.

Firing at random is, notwithstanding the above, rather a poor occupation, and yet nevertheless, many for want of energy and perseverance engage in that unscientific vocation. It has a charming air of negligence about it and permits him who does the firing to be aristocratic in that he need neither think nor otherwise exert himself.

Now that a writing is truthful is a commendation, that it is candidly truthful is an additional commendation, and these two qualities of credit the Greek Press shall claim, for the words with which it addresses its readers are to-day cast at random. If perchance they "sometime hit most happily," their mission is well done. The Greek Press is almost persuaded to consider itself a cousin of Mr. Croaker, of "The Good-natured Man" fame. He thought at times that he was a humorist and yet all who heard his ghastly attempt thought of ghouls and gibbets and other adjuncts of a melancholy temperament.

The Greek Press has thought that it indulged in pleasant chat about the girls, their organs and organizations, but as they have all declared that the pleasant chat was virulent assault it promises henceforth to abandon the paths of passing pleasantry and adopt those of sincerity and truth.

There are several magazines on the exchange table awaiting review and some of them are regular heavy-weights. There is abundant cause for the increased size of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*—it numbers a portly President among its members—but the others are without such a reason for their expanding covers, and unless it be that Mr. James Corbett, the champion heavy-weight is, since becoming histrionic, being emulated, the JOURNAL would inquire upon what meat has this our Cæsar fed that he is grown so great?

The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* together with the *Trident* and the *Rainbow* have not yet become obese, but are as lean and modest as a poor relation.

The first of these is quite literary and the leading article in the current number is an enthusiastic critique of Matthew Arnold, in which that gentleman receives his full share of praise. Quotations are indulged in to such an extent that the article covers a numbers of pages. But Alpha Phi has a rhymer, too, and the following lines on co-education give an idea of the smoothness and thought of two pages of similar composition:

We had thought, for many ages,
As we studied o'er the pages,
Men, alone, were meant for sages —
 Women should not share our lore;
But, as o'er our books we're gaping,
Yes, and sometimes even napping,
We have heard a noisy rapping,
 Rapping at our college door.
" 'T is those females," we have muttered,
 " Rapping at our college door.
 Only that and nothing more."

Yet these maidens, nothing daunted,
Still their powers before us flaunted,
Till our very halls seemed haunted
 By their never-ending roar.
Then we heard them all accusing
That the cause of our refusing
Was because we feared of losing
 Honors we had had before—
Just because we feared of losing
 Honors we had had before.
 Merely this, and nothing more.

Now we're learned so much about her,
We could hardly do without her;
And we never more will doubt her,
 As we used to doubt, of yore.
Woman's worth appreciating,
Mind of man and maid equating,
She will find a welcome waiting,
 Always, at our college door.
She will find a welcome waiting,
 Always, at our college door.
 " Welcome here, forevermore."

The *Trident* is in an extremely good humor. Delta Delta Delta has just established another chapter—at the University of Vermont—and between the time of issuing No. 2 of Vol. II. of

the *Trident* and May 20, the first convention of Tri Delta will be held. The editorial announcing this fact is brief and pointed, and contains words of advice which might well be heeded by those who expect to soon hold their seventeenth or seventieth convention. It says:

"Before another issue of the *Trident* our first convention will have taken place. The exact date has not been determined, but the session will be held with Epsilon before May 24. As a fraternity we have labored under many disadvantages from the lack of a well-defined policy. Many of these difficulties will disappear if the delegates are instructed to consider carefully the multitudinous questions that will arise as representatives from the various chapters meet. Much depends upon the platform adopted, and it is imperative that there be judicious legislation. Let us learn from the mistakes of our short existence, in many respects an experimental one, and provide for future exigencies by clear and concise rules of action. The time for experiments has passed. We are a full-fledged fraternity, and the obligation of fraternity life is upon us, and the convention must improve the opportunity to provide for the future prosperity of Delta Delta Delta by the adoption of discreet and liberal laws of government."

If the *Trident* and the its organization perseveres in the policy which they have so far pursued they will save future officers much trouble and build one of the best histories to be found in the fraternity world. Kappa Alpha was too long a sufferer from inattention not to appreciate the beauties of a well-kept system, and the *Trident* has evidently started out with an idea of founding a great organization and being worthy of it.

The *Trident* is literary, too, and a well written article of indifferent thought on Romola is the leader in the current number. One of the correspondents of the *Trident*, however, is manifestly a joker. She starts her letter with the avowal: "It is a great relief to know that this letter will never be read. It is now so long past the time at which it was to be ready that all chance of its being printed is clean gone forever. I write now only to satisfy a conscience troubled with the thought of a duty unfinished." After which statement she writes a letter which makes five and a half pages in print, and which is the most entertaining account of the inauguration of President Cleveland that the JOURNAL has yet seen in any publication. Yea, verily, it was written "only to satisfy a conscience troubled with the

thought of a duty unfinished," and it was "a great relief to know that it will never be read." If the different fraternity publications could combine to inculcate a spirit among their correspondents of "satisfying a conscience troubled with the thought of a duty unfinished" it would greatly enhance the interest of their contents.

The *Trident* says the JOURNAL's comments upon the sorority publications are sharp and flippant. This is the most unkindest cut of all. May the pen fail that speaks sharply of womankind or their efforts, and may the kindly grace of a grave dignity always surround them both.

The two *Shields* are here—the blue, and the green; and other magazines of different colored covers, so that a stack of a quarter's exchanges bears a regular Dolly Varden appearance. The Theta Delta Chi *Shield*, the *Trident* and the current *Palm* are blue—three different shades of blue—and until recently the *Scroll* came wrapped in a fourth degree of the same color. The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi is green—very green—and a few numbers ago the *Quarterly* of Sigma Chi bore it company. The *Record* has recently taken on a stone color, and the *Scroll* now a drab parchment. The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* has gloried in a beautiful brown, but has just discarded its autumn attire for a more spring-like tan. The *Key* and the *College Fraternity* have stuck to gray, as becomes their dignity, while the *Palm* has for this day and date, only, put aside its somber gray for an Easter dress of light blue, with old gold trimmings. *Anchors* wears an unassuming covering of chocolate, while *Kappa Alpha Theta* is about as æsthetic as could well be, with its dainty, glossy, cream-colored and simply decorated covering, which is removed beyond the possibilities of a description of any but a feminine pen. There is one magazine, however, the appearance of which any man could describe. It is *Sigma Chi* in its new garb—that of glorious red. The cover is red, and the letters are redder, and the whole thing presents just such an appearance as would attract any masculine eye for blocks distant.

But to return to the pea green *Shield* which started this description. It is like a certain fat man who traveled with a circus side show—refused to be weighed until after dinner. Ordinarily the *Shield* is very conservative. Neither glory of size, orna-

mentation, or hullabaloo tempt it; but it has at last succumbed, and for a convention number it swells and puffs until it impresses by its breadth of understanding and weight of intellect. The two principal features of the current *Shield* are reviewed in another portion of this JOURNAL.

The approaching Phi Psi convention and the resignation of its Wisconsin Alpha Chapter at the State University of Wisconsin; but the latter event is surrounded by such remarkable circumstances, and has been treated in such a scientific manner that reference here is not omitted. The active chapter at that place consisted of nineteen men. They have been about the most loyal chapter that Phi Psi had. They attended conventions and wrote good letters and were generally a jolly set of fellows. Now something like a bee got tangled in their bonnets, so they associated with them twelve alumni members in a Guy Fawks scheme. They elected two of their number to represent the fraternity at large, and the other twenty-nine young men handed in their resignations as members of Phi Kappa Psi. The two ambassadors recently created thought that such action was somewhat curious and so they investigated the cause for such concerted movement, and after deliberating over the facts which developed on the bearing, issued a pronunciamiento to the world and the rest of mankind, addressed in words to the authorities of Phi Psi, but in reality to the other fraternities at the university—announcing the fact that the aforesaid twenty-nine young men had “been honorably dismissed from the fraternity.” Now this action left the aforesaid ambassadors like the man who cut off the limb between himself and the tree. They had forgotten to work the machine with that mathematical accuracy which might have permitted them to accept the resignations of the twenty-nine and the twenty-nine to accept their resignation at the same moment of time, thus disproving the theory that there is no such thing as annihilation; consequently they found themselves in the predicament of being compelled to resort to the slot machine, wherein you drop your resignation in the cavity and receive therefrom a certificate of honorable dismissal. For want of a better machine they used a post box for the purpose, but from the tone of the editorials one would judge that they were still holding their hats to catch their parchment in, for “honorable dismissals” is hardly synonymous with “dastardly disloyalty,” “saturated with treason,” and “a band of traitors,” which the *Shield* hurls at them.

It is said that the chapter abandoned Phi Psi for the purpose of joining Psi Upsilon.

The *Shield* of blue keeps up its grit and enthusiasm, its graduate personals and personal correspondence, all of which, save probably the last named, contribute to a good magazine. The *Shield* is sometimes led into committing itself in a humorous manner, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of faith. It is like the lawyer who failed to discriminate but spoke at random lengthily. He stated everything that should be stated, but a person had to hunt for the point. Or perhaps the *Shield* is like the farmer who dumped his seed corn, wheat, and other grain into the same bin. At planting time he cast it all on the ground and could truly say that he had planted so much corn, wheat, rye, and other grain, but it would take the angels, whose duty it is said to be to separate the wheat from the tares, to gather and preserve them all. The blue *Shield* has this to say of the last JOURNAL, and it is right good reading, too:

"The KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL for February comes dangerously near parodying a certain utterance, which has become classic, for one of the leading articles bears the very suggestive title, 'Where We Are Not.' In this the writer seems to congratulate himself and the fraternity, that there are a great many institutions in the South which they have 'disdained or neglected to enter.' He wraps the mantle of self-gratulation still closer about him and makes the statement that 'some fraternities that rank amongst the oldest and most respectable in the North or South have been vastly more reckless than we.' This is the penitential season of the year, and Kappa Alpha seems to find it a good time to confess herself a miserable sinner, but not, after all, so bad as some other folks."

But the most important of all the exchanges now is the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, and it fittingly celebrates its most recent glory by decorating the province and itself with vermilion. It is red, very red, just the shade that one would select when preparing to "take in the town on a tare." Thinking of the cause of all this fireworks a regular reader of fraternity magazines might expect to see a chapter letter which stated that Brother Cleveland was of one of the finest old families in the State, and "I take pleasure in introducing our most recent initiate, and assure the brothers everywhere that the standard of Sigma Chi has not been lowered in his becoming a member. I prophecy a brilliant

future for our Brother C., who is already as enthusiastic a Sig. as any of us." Perhaps that is what one would expect to find, but his expectations would not be realized, for the announcement is in a short editorial stating that under a misapprehension Mr. Cleveland was "spiked" by the chapter at Ann Arbor last fall, and as he had consented to be initiated the fraternity thought it well to suspend the constitution "for this day and date only" and initiate him into the mysteries, which was accordingly done. Sigma Chi is opposed to honorary membership. Mr. Cleveland is congratulated on having so successfully "bucked center" of this objection. It is reported that his joy was so great at the initiation that he sang the following lines, which are taken from the *Quarterly*:

The stars were shining brightly and the moon was in the sky,
When I started for the Sanctum to join the mystic tie;
My heart was filled with fear, and to earth I'd bid good bye,
But I rallied when I thought I was to be a Sigma Chi.

But the *Quarterly* emphasizes the following in such manner that it is fair to presume that the first report is wrong and that this is what he said:

I am a howling Sigma Chi, always 'till I die, says I,
No other frat on earth to me, a Sig to all eternity.
Hoopla! Hoopla! barbs and frats, shake off hayseed, put on spats,
Sigma Chi has set the pace, no one else can get a place.

CHORUS—Tara-rara, boom-de-aye!
Tara-rara, Sigma Chi!
Tara-rara, boom-de-aye!
Sigma, Sigma, Sigma Chi!

No matter what lines the "goat" may have used as a song of praise, Sigma Chi has eclipsed all other fraternities and former records and done exactly what a majority of the other Greek letter societies would have done if they had gotten an opportunity, honorary membership or no honorary membership. (Of course Kappa Alpha is in the minority; and, besides, the initiation was north of the line.)

The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* for February is another one of the convention number magazines. The convention part of it is elsewhere reviewed in this JOURNAL. There appears, however, the convention oration—a mosaic. The writer is a precise latitudinarian, if that be not a paradox. The graceful gathering of fine figures woven into a most beautiful garland

forcibly impresses the reader. When heard accompanied by rounded gestures it must have captivated the hearers.

A couple of biographical sketches of the late Hon. Randall Lee Gibson, with photogravure also are here, and further on the Deke gives signs of suffering as the JOURNAL once did in the lack of reports of new initiates. Under that head, new initiates, the Deke says, "The following freshmen brothers were initiated last October," giving forty-four names in a style which would make Tazewell T. tear his hair and cry for vengeance. Twelve are reported in the following manner, "96, T. C. Ham." Of course this shows that a Mr. Ham was made a member of Pi chapter of D. K. E. last October, but according to the ideas of our efficient Grand Historian, this is rather meagre information from which to compile a biographical sketch. In not a single instance is the full name and address and date of initiation given.

The review and exchange department of the *Quarterly* is improving, however, and that portion of the current number is entertaining. The articles which have appeared in the JOURNAL on "Where Shall We Enter?" and "Where We Are Not," have received considerable attention from exchange writers, and that member of the Deke staff answers the question propounded by the former in the following words:

"The KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL for December publishes an article, 'Where Shall We Enter?' We do not know whether this is simply an oratorical question or one that we are really expected to answer. If the latter we humbly and respectfully submit that the weight of authority seems to indicate that the straight gate is, on the whole, the safest way."

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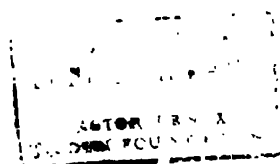
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Money and Vogue at School.

WE know so much more about our own age than we do of any other that we can make almost any comparison of it with other epochs without fear of contradiction. Thus every writer on the signs of the times, whether he views the present as a period of degeneracy or of progress, seems to establish his conclusion. He may see good or evil in the present, just as he is inclined, for both exist, and then he can picture the past, as suits his purpose, with impunity. When it is said that in these latter years colleges have become such favorite seats of fashion that the ouster of all soberer residents seems imminent, and that nowadays money is altogether too prominent a feature of college life, it may be that the above principles are being illustrated. It may be that students have always been fond of making a show and a noise, and have never been the uniformly serious and thoughtful beings that tradition has depicted them. Full and accurate information about their habits now is obtainable, but what they used to be and do is largely a matter of speculation and fancy. But we do not have to go to a time beyond our own memories for a point of vantage from which to judge the existing type. It seems patent that there is a decided yearly increase in the prominence which is accorded the Junior hop, the "spreads," club houses, and the innumerable athletic fetes, which are easily the most conspicuous feature of college life; in the importance which is attached to assuming and maintaining fashionable social connections, with all the attendant fopperies, and in the prevalence of fads only possible with the rich. And on the other hand, there is a noticeable decline in the respect, which in some particulars has almost reached disdain, for those solid qualities, which, while sometimes accompanied with un-

necessary severity and a good deal of sweat, have been generally regarded as the foundations of manhood and a successful career. The drawback of his youth, and the few characteristics which tampering with books imposes upon him, are all that save the modern student from being a full-fledged man of the world. His language is no longer full of classical quotations and mythological allusions; his head, of saws of metaphysics and logic, nor is the regeneration of the universe any longer his avowed object in life. Whether this transition is desirable or not is, perhaps, one of those questions of like and dislike, as to which argument is useless.

One fresh from the influence of a quiet old country college, an institution of a hundred and fifty boys, patronized exclusively by some church of the State in which it is situated, may think this a very heated and exaggerated, view of a very simple state of things; and, again, one impressed with recent mighty exhibition of the scholarship of a great university, may think it equally partial and false. There are now all sorts and conditions of men and there always will be; it does not take unanimity, however, to give a particular color and tone to society. The hue of ours is decidedly yellow.

The lighter cast which student life has of late assumed is due to forces which shape the whole of our society—forces whose effects are everywhere manifest.

Money, fashion, and luxury come and depart hand in hand. The American people are thoroughly agreed that they are rich. That they are, is a fact everywhere proclaimed. Three-fourths of the stories in the magazines are about people who own yachts and wear Worth's dresses, and whose only adversary in the struggle for existence is ennui. Essays on government and politics treat mainly of legislative profligacy, of the dangers of accumulated wealth, and are full of self-congratulation on "the rapid development of our material resources." Moreover, philosophers are always attributing the many differences between the ideal man and the Yankee to the latter's inordinate admiration for the metallic image of Liberty; whereas, from the amount of attention which mammon receives from the pulpit, one might suppose that covetousness is the only sin with which the modern mortal has to contend. We concur in this premise of American opulence to the extent of admitting that there are perhaps more rich people in America, proportionately, than in any other country, and that the American masses

enjoy a greater amount of wealth than has ever hitherto fallen to the lot of this commonplace majority. Wealth is an especially prominent feature of our social panorama, when we consider that a large part of the population are not allowed to form even a part of the background. So it is in every country. The hewers of wood and drawers of water may receive the attention of the altruist—the artist may find them picturesque; but the ken of the seer, who runs his eye across a continent to sketch the lines of its civilization, never encompasses them. Poverty is not only unpleasant, it is also uninteresting and uninteresting. But omitting the “other half” altogether from our calculations, it is unnecessary to say that the Americans are not uniformly rich. Our prosperity may be great, and yet if it were increased an hundred fold, still the pace which the rich set is not one which the multitude could follow. The rich man is, and always will be, the exceptional man. So it is that at college, as elsewhere, there must be those who are decoyed away from their natural bents and stations into a foreign and treacherous element, lured into a race of folly, and a race in which they are outclassed, only to be made ridiculous by the failure of their pretensions.

The rich are powerful; chasten ourselves as we may, the personality and the luxury of the wealthy never cease to be fascinating. From the time we dream of being made princes by fairies, until that omnipresent, though recondite, belief that some day something will turn up which will bring us lands and bonds, dies with the rest of us, those with whom these visions have come true, exert over us a potent charm. This dominion of fortune's favored few extends throughout the whole earth. There is no hamlet so simple that you will not see in it some shadow of the forms or some echo of the sounds which fashion has invented for the amusement of distant capitals. What the rich proclaim as desiderata is so accepted by the multitude; their edict as to what is to be sought after and what eschewed is accepted as final.

Now the rich flourish only in a peculiar atmosphere. Luxury may not be the necessary concomitant of wealth, and yet it invariably attends it. Luxury is an effort to thwart nature's penalties. Tennis and hunting are shields against the pains of idleness; a digestion outraged with wining and dining is sought to be propitiated with soothing draughts from nature's alchemies, and lungs stifled in smoking rooms and cheeks which have

faded under the chandeliers, are made to fill and bloom with the dash of salt wind and water.

When the rich man goes to school he takes with him as much of the atmosphere of wealth as possible. He there seeks to set up the same sort of shams which he is used to see pass current. He expects to see obeisance done to his power, and all achievement decried which is not accessible to dollars. It is not merely for the purpose of an education that he goes, but schooling has become one of the well-recognized phases of a fashionable life, affording opportunities for unique social enjoyments. He has a character to live up to, traditions to sustain. In short, it is not as a scholar that he goes, so much as it is as a man of wealth.

It is but to be expected that the rich man at school should be what he is elsewhere. But there is this to be considered: in gaining an education soft living is not of much assistance. Wisdom is one of the few things which cannot be bribed or bought. There are not many places in which wealth may not have a soft berth—few realities of which money will not buy a very good imitation. Learning, however, requires of its devotees obedience to a ritual, every canon of which is against the tastes and instincts of the typical rich. A mortification of the flesh, an abhorrence of vanity, a genuine preference for the real over the illusory, for the eternal over the transitory—these in a greater or less degree are the characteristics of the scholar—these are the things which are impossible to the Crœsean.

Perhaps the young man with the pale, thin face, in a long coat, more or less rusty, with his oration or his essay, always was a little tedious. The man with more of the next world than of this in his composition never has been very popular. But this will not altogether account for the complete manner in which his splendid successor in the scarlet sweater and the "swallowtail" has displaced him. In this case the character of the supply is not regulated by the demand. The public regards the college as the repository and preserver of the true ideals, and is ready to laud as genuine whomsoever the college puts forth as its hero. The supply has of its own accord chosen to adopt that demeanor which shows that it is up with the times.

Nature is very considerate of the tastes and willfulness of its children. Its admonitions are so low as to be scarcely audible. However, there is a limit to its patience; it has rules which we may not transgress. A certain amount of Puritanism is essential to society's well-being. Sometimes man strays off so far

after taste and color and sound with such impunity that it seems that there will never again be any need for him to plod and ponder. But sooner or later his strength fails, and there must be another age of dullness and simplicity till he regains his stamina. By this I mean that while the modern college man seems to have cheated nature, while it seems possible nowadays to obtain an education, and yet live a life of luxurious indulgence and ease, yet it is not so. It can hardly be that the man who seemed to know everything about this world that can be known, was mistaken when he said :

" Fat paunches have lean pates, and dainty bits
Make fat the ribs, but bankrupt quite the wits."

There is no abstract principle nearer absolute truth than the law of compensation, so wonderfully expounded by Emerson. Tested in all the lights which the mind can shed upon it, it seems immutably true, while experience is its constant witness. Life is a long series of alternatives in which we are addressed with the never ceasing admonition, " Choose ye ! " You cannot be all things you would like to be or that it would be good to be. Hyde and Jekyll seemed for awhile to harmoniously blend, but there came a time when one character had to be supreme. De Rastignac, in " Pere Goriot," vacillated for months between his boyish ideals and the splendors of Paris, seeking to have both. It was a futile struggle. And so in the formative period of life, under the forcing influences of education, there must be a choice between the vanities of an existence *a la mode*, and the sterner occupations and the loftier ideals which are the foundation of all genuine success and happiness. Taste, a reverence for beauty and the cultivation of all the amenities of polite life—none of these are inconsistent with the utmost nobility of character. On the other hand a devotion to fashion and luxury are. There is not a single respect in which you can acknowledge the divinity of fashion's god without an oblation of a corresponding amount of the blood which vivifies magnanimity and intellect. The people in Howell's novels, before they get through with their coaching and globe trotting, their summers at watering places, and their winters of " functions," generally exchange a good deal of their original good sense and kindness for the conventional ideas and the respectability of drawing rooms, with an undercurrent of regret that in this country there is no officially recognized aristocracy. The idealism of youth furnishes a large fund of amusement to maturer minds. But the

counterbalancing forces which are met when the blood gets cooler, when the tendency to materialism becomes often strong enough to displace all else, demonstrate that there is wisdom in the provision which causes youth to look beyond what experience proves to be the practicable. A belief that mind is superior to matter must be obtained early or never. After all poetry is not without its utility.

So all-pervading is the ruling characteristic of society, whatever it may be, that we do not realize the extent which it prejudices us. We do not realize how much the constant sight of wealth shapes our ideas of life, nor do we care to realize it. Men are usually the willing dupes of the age in which they live. So it is that at school money exerts its power for evil on those who have it not as well as those who have it. It is loud-voiced and overbearing. The man is rare who, unaided and alone, can both see what is right and follow it. When one man decides to differ from the conventional, and spends his days as it seems to him it was ordained, he soon finds himself on such a dizzy, cheerless height with such dim lights to guide him that he turns back heart sick, and capitulates with the customary. So many a good fellow at school, capable of better things, is forced to modify or abandon his genuine instincts, and let himself be persuaded that the assertion and meretriciousness of the rich are true strength and exalted achievement. In youth, particularly, promise and hopes are regarded as the equivalents of action and accomplishment. The boy whose veins are tingling with the music of Chopin, thinks that as he weaves the waltz he is unraveling infinite mysteries, and forgets that he is not a prince as he treads the ballroom floor to the measures of a grand march. As solving riddles and leveling mountains comprehend the range of our mortal activities, the Chopin method is easily preferable to that which may be the result of a life of toil and privation. The proportion of scholars is as large to-day as it ever was. But among them is an infinitely greater dilution of those who wear their badge without the slightest claim to it. Formerly, only such men as had a particular aptitude for letters, those who were to be a country's conscience-keepers and rulers, were given an education. But now every one goes to school, and because the rich and the frivolous go, is the reason that some colleges are hardly better than booths in Vanity Fair.

AUGUSTUS BENNERS.

W. R. Neal, Jr.

THE frontispiece in this issue presents the features of D. R. Neal, Jr. Brother Neal has long been identified with Kappa Alpha and its every interest. D. R. Neal, Jr., was born at Parkersburg, Va., in the year 1849. He entered the Virginia Military Institute in 1871, from which he was graduated in 1875. During his connection with the Virginia Military Institute he was initiated into the Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha.

After having graduated from the Virginia Military Institute he entered Washington and Lee University, and graduated in law here in 1877.

In 1877 he was chosen K. C. of the Fraternity. This position he held for four years. His administration was noted for the progress made in the establishment of chapters and an issuance of a catalogue, which was the last to be issued until the Chick catalogue of 1891. Brother Neal is now in the service of the United States Government at Washington, holding a position in the Navy Department.

No man has more uniformly manifested more interest in the fraternity than has been manifested by Brother Neal. His name has been on the subscription list of the JOURNAL longer than any other man's known to the writer; and there has never been a time when he was not ready to assist in every possible way the promotion of the affairs of the Order.

At his request only the outlines of his life are given here. It is to be wished that more men were as faithful and capable Kappa Alphas as D. R. Neal, Jr. Then, indeed, would our progress be a thing of ease and the natural result of time.

Affairs of the Order.

THE Fraternity will be gratified to know that on the 3d and 4th of April Pi Chapter, at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, was revived, with seven good men. The chief credit of the good work, in idea and execution, is due to Mr. Albert Blanton, of Tau (Marion, N. C.), who was assisted by J. B. McBryde (Rho) and H. K. Bourne (Lambda). All the names ought to be in the list of re-founders, but if we limit ourselves to four the four would be: V. V. Smith, G. H. Holmes, H. J. Brent, and L. G. Rice.

The new chapter has started right and kept it up. It has sent its reports and paid its dues in advance to the end of the session. It has already turned its attention efficiently to its records, and seems to be getting everything in good condition. I think we have in Pi seven very valuable and creditable additions to our membership.

About April 1st Zeta began to be revived by the initiation of W. H. Twitty. P. H. Williams, of Upsilon, was already studying at the college. J. H. Robertson was next initiated, and Zeta sprang to full life and organized itself by electing officers. Mr. Twitty is the son of one of Zeta's first members, and is, of course, bound to be an energetic Kappa Alpha. Eta, in the person of H. S. Norfleet, its first officer, assisted, with Moyler and Wortham, alumni of Zeta, in initiating Robertson and putting Zeta on its feet. Thus Zeta exists now with three men, and expects the return of two of its former members for the session '93-'94. I trust that it will exert itself to grow in numbers as well as "conservatism," so that it may be a source of pride—without anxiety—to the Order. With the restoration of Zeta to our list we have virtually no gaps in our catalogue of chapters, except where Rho's name should stand. We have recently had two—I may say three—applications for the vacant place.

About April 15th, while the warships were at the rendezvous in Hampton Roads, I spent several days in and near Norfolk, Va., and, of course, called frequently upon our G. H. He showed me his books and his method of working out the many lines of our history. His methods seemed to me to be just right. His plan is comprehensive and exhaustive. The articles in re-

cent numbers of the JOURNAL indicate the wealth of historical facts already accumulated. But those articles embrace but a fragment of the vast mass of material the G. H. has in hand, and touch but two or three of the many classes of facts he has arranged. I had old documents shown me that made me open my eyes—documents the G. H.'s industry had unearthed from every part of Dixie. Among the rest I was shown the charter of the first Theta, issued by me in 1871. And this invaluable collection of archives is being daily added to.

The G. H. showed me nicely bound volumes of all the journals and magazines the Order has ever published. It was a sight to stir me, as I had never before seen a full set, and I suppose nobody else outside of Norfolk ever has. I saw also the Order's safe—bought with money raised by the G. H.'s own personal exertions. It is a fine, large, roomy, new safe, and secures our historical treasures from the fire fiend. It is a most valuable and timely acquisition.

I came away from Norfolk with a great many pleasant impressions. The G. H. and other resident alumni had treated me most kindly. I shall not forget their cordial greetings. But I had also this conviction very deeply impressed upon me, that we have at last a real G. H., and have begun seriously our historical work.

With respect to the sending in of reports and payment of dues I am pleased to be able to say that the chapters have, as a rule, done their duty during the last two months. Theta, among the new chapters, has done admirably in every respect. It is now a large chapter, and we may look to it confidently, I believe, to promote our interests in Kentucky. Alpha Theta, under the zealous guidance of its chief officer, has, I believe, taken a new stand.

I insist that the chapters must suspend, or expel members who willfully neglect to pay dues or to perform official or other duties. This is the result of my earnest attention to chapter delinquencies during my present term of office—that a chapter's shortcomings are due, as a rule, to the neglect to suspend members who violate what everybody understands to be a serious obligation. And this neglect can be cured by the chief officers taking the bull by the horns and proposing the suspension of each member three months in arrears in the discharge of any duty. If he needs backing in such a course, the K. C. exists for that purpose.

It is pleasant, however, as said before, to note the progress certain chapters are making. Lambda has paid every cent of its dues for the present year, and in other respects is taking its stand among the foremost of our duty-doing chapters. There is no reason why Lambda, with its array of numbers and talent, should not have a leading influence in our affairs, and we hope to see it claim and exercise such influence in the near future.

Iota is to be mentioned as a chapter that has improved in its internal working during the year. Having a good critic of the conduct of its officers, it has perfected its records and gotten everything in good order. I may perhaps, without immodesty, ascribe this progress to the use of the new "Order of Business" suggested in my annual report. Everything depends upon good method; provided zeal gives an initial impulse.

Omicron has also stepped to the front as a duty-doing chapter and now, in my estimation, ranks with the best.

Kappa Chapter has paid all its dues up to date, and deserves credit therefor.

Omega still lags in the rear—very far in the rear. It lacks a proper sense of its obligations to the other chapters—to the Order at large. Its members are fine fellows individually. The chapter has had money to raise for various internal purposes. It has felt itself under a heavy burden. It has accordingly felt itself privileged to ignore the G. P.'s just requirements. It has neglected its monthly reports of all kinds. This shows demoralization, or seems to show it. Other chapters pay their dues no matter what their other burdens may be. I understand that there is a prospect of Omega doing better next year, when it will have emerged from present difficulties. If it does not, its charter is in danger. Chapters must obey the law.

S. Z. AMMEN.

Kappa Alpha at the University of Georgia.

AFTER three years of rather an uncertain existence the founders of Alpha chapter decided to test their bark upon a wider sea. They established Beta chapter at the Virginia Military Institute and the following year selected the University of Georgia as the institution possessing conditions most favorable for the establishment of the third chapter. The conditions



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which Brother Ammen defined as most conducive to healthy, permanent chapter growth were almost exactly fulfilled in the case of the University of Georgia, viz.: "Curricula, in which the classical course, extending over three or four years, held the place of honor; small endowments, good libraries and literary societies; ample buildings, situated in the vicinity of a small town, and occupied in part by the students as dormitories; a more or less extensive campus well shaded with trees. Circumstances favoring isolation. The students forming a small community, dependent upon itself for society, and upon books for diversions and ideals; their studies being such as to sever them widely from the work-a-day world. Under these conditions the natural craving for companionship gives birth to the fraternal spirit which finds expression in chapter life."

The establishment of Gamma is principally due to W. W. Collins, of Macon, Ga., whose name is appended to our charter as K. C. When he founded the chapter in 1869 he found Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Chi Phi already established, but so recently that they had only slight advantages over Kappa Alpha.

The vicissitudes of Gamma's early life were very similar to those of other chapters. The difficulties which presented themselves to the new fraternity were courageously met and generally overcome. The present worthy K. C. declared some time ago that it was the immense energy of Gamma chapter during this trying period that placed the fraternity in a secure position. That energy which proved itself so valuable to the order at that time has ever since characterized the men of Gamma. To-day with surroundings entirely different; a modern university in place of the old time college; seven rivals to contend with instead of two, Gamma chapter has adjusted herself to conditions and now, as then, stands in the front rank of fraternity circles.

Six fraternities have established chapters at the University of Georgia, since Gamma's advent. One of these, Phi Gamma Delta, died in 1888. The others are all at present in good condition. There were 129 fraternity men at the University last term divided as follows: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 19; Chi Phi, 19; Kappa Alpha, 20; Phi Delta Theta, 17; Alpha Tau Omega, 14; Sigma Nu, 20; Delta Tau Delta, 11; Chi Psi, 9. All save two of these fraternities have, besides their secret meeting rooms, reception rooms, to which the members of the other fraternities are frequently invited and in which the most delightful entertainments are given.

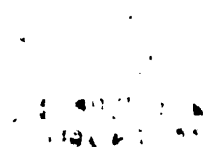
To illustrate the position which Kappa Alpha now holds at the University of Georgia I will enumerate some of the principal honors which were distributed among her twenty representatives during the term just past: Vice-president of the athletic association, four members of the 'varsity football eleven, captains of junior and freshmen football team and freshman baseball team, seven first and five second prizes in the field day contest, breaking two records; editor-in-chief of the annual *Pandora*, first term editor-in-chief of the *University Magazine*, adjutant of the battalion and lieutenant in Company "A," sergeant-major and two first sergeants, president of the "O. B." German club, vice-president of the Thalian Dramatic Club, president "The Wandering Minstrels," vice-president Engineering Society and president University Banquet Club, senior speaker and secretary of the Champion Debate.

The past record has been none the less enviable. In 1882 it was one of Gamma's men, Hon. Clark Howell, who founded the *University Reporter*. Since leaving the University Brother Howell has frequently exhibited his attachment to the fraternity and he has as successor to the lamented Henry Grady, on the *Atlanta Constitution*, made a reputation which is a source of pride not only to Gamma chapter but to the whole order. In 1886, the annual *Pandora*, which is published conjointly by the fraternities of the University, was founded by a Kappa Alpha and since then three of the managing editors and one of the business managers have been Kappa Alphas.

Gamma has a larger roll of alumni members than any chapter in the order and on it can be found many illustrious names. Prominent among them may be mentioned Hon. John Temple Graves, ex-K. C., editor of *Dixie*; Hon. Clark Howell, editor *Atlanta Constitution*; I. S. K. Axson, M.A., professor of English, University of Vermont; C. P. Wilcox, A.M., LL.D., professor of Modern Languages, University of Georgia; C. M. Strahan, C. M. E., professor of Engineering, University of Georgia; Andrew J. Cobb, A.B., B.L., professor of Law, University of Georgia; S. C. Benedict, M.D., professor of Medical Jurisprudence, University of Georgia; George D. Thomas, B.S., B.L., professor of Law, University of Georgia; P. H. Mell, Ph.D., professor of Natural History and Geology, Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College; Ralph Peters, superintendent of the P. C. & St. L. Railroad; J. M. Edwards, vice-president and general manager L. N. N. O. & T. Railroad; Gazaway Hartridge, editor *Savannah Evening News*; Burton Smith, E. C. Kontz,



A CORNER OF THE CAMPUS—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA. *From "Pandora."*



Albert Howell, John L. Hardeman and T. Fitzgerald Green.

Gamma's future prospects are very bright. For twenty-four years she has stood in the front rank of the fraternities of the University of Georgia, and in that time she has established such a strong hold on the State that she no longer has to engage in the humiliating practice of "rushing" new men. The simple invitation will in most cases suffice to bring the very best material into the fraternity. Next term twelve of our old men will return. They are H. C. Brown, '94, (1); Arthur Wrigley, '94, (2); J. M. Harrington, '94, (3); B. B. Bowers, Jr., '94, (4); Edwin Davis, '94, (6); P. P. Ezell, '96, (7); R. M. Butler, '95, (9); C. A. Fleming, '96, (8); W. A. McDougall, '94, (5); J. C. C. Black, Jr., '95; J. A. Morton, '96, and Frank Harrington, '96. These are men possessing the true Kappa Alpha spirit, energetic and courageous. The welfare of the chapter is entirely safe in their hands.

The plan by which Gamma hopes to raise sufficient funds to build a chapter house was set forth in detail in last October's JOURNAL. I will not repeat it here but a report of its progress will, I am sure, be gratifying to every Kappa Alpha who reads this paper. The fund was begun in September, 1892, when Brother E. F. Lovell, of Savannah, donated to our chapter five badges which when sold produced about \$50. Since that time the trustees of the fund have accumulated from smaller subscriptions the sum of \$250, and that in less than a year with no enormous expenditure of energy. We do not hope to build this house in a day, but we do hope to build it before a great many years roll by. This first year's work, though apparently insignificant, is extremely gratifying to the promoters of the scheme, for it predicts in most positive terms the fact that Gamma chapter is going to have a home of its own, and that too at no very distant date.

HARRY HODGSON.

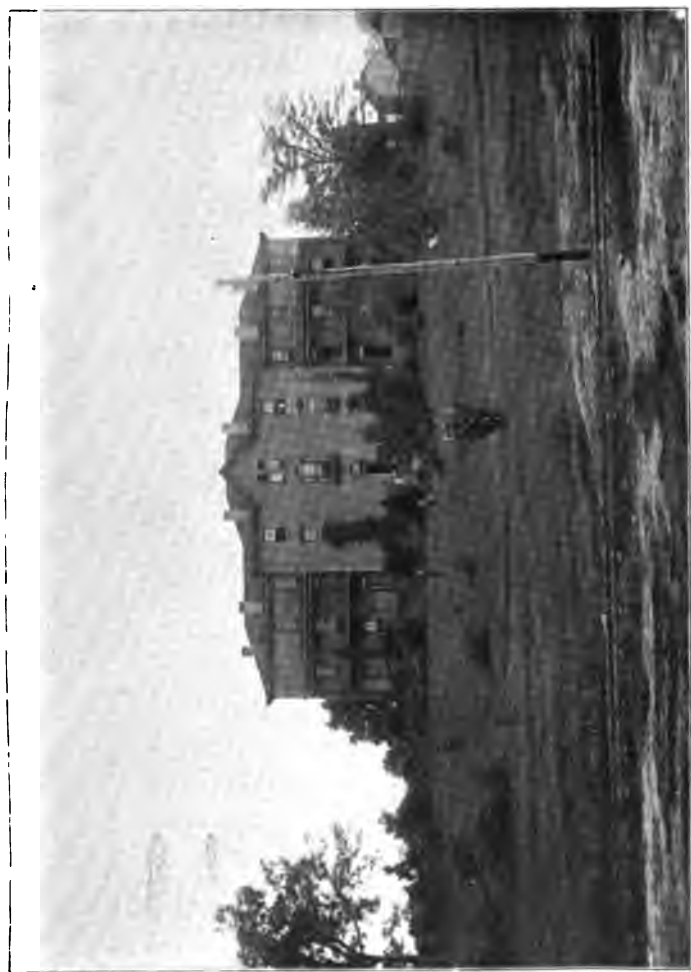
What the G. H. is Doing.

SINCE my last report (April 1st) made through the columns of the JOURNAL, I have worked steadily in my efforts to secure historical data of value to Kappa Alpha, and to write up the records of the order. The work has been a difficult one, but my success has fully repaid me. I will give here a summary of what has been accomplished during the months of April, May, and June.

Valuable reports have been received upon various subjects from the following active members: C. McRae, of Alpha; B. Huger, of Beta; J. D. Craighead, of Delta; P. H. Williams and J. H. Robertson, of Zeta; R. Acree, of Eta; M. S. Railey, of Theta; W. E. Lott and J. Norwood, of Iota; F. A. Smith, of Kappa; H. L. Maury, of Lambda; W. M. Grier, of Mu; R. L. Bivens, of Nu; R. G. Mood, of Xi; A. Lefevre, of Omicron; L. E. Holmes, of Pi; L. T. Mills, of Sigma; A. C. Ellis, of Upsilon; G. C. Ellis, of Phi; L. M. Favrot and F. A. Roehl, of Psi; L. H. McHenry, of Omega; C. Whitaker, of Alpha-Gamma; C. F. Tanner, of Alpha-Delta; J. G. Hamilton, of Alpha-Epsilon; T. Taylor, of Alpha-Zeta; L. G. Ryland, of Alpha-Eta; J. L. Scales, of Alpha-Iota; B. Estes, of Alpha-Kappa, and H. P. Thieme, of Alpha-Lambda.

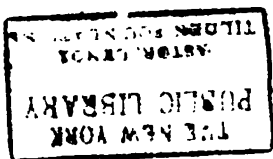
It will be seen from this that Gamma, a chapter which is noted for its exactness in chapter duties, has for three months neglected its duties to the G. H. This is to be the more regretted when it is known that there are many facts to be looked up and supplied in the past history of this chapter, and the chances of securing this data become less each year. Epsilon is omitted from the above list, but although her active members are doing nothing to perfect her general records, there is one true alumnus who is. Leon P. Smith, of La Grange, Ga., has undertaken to work up the books of this chapter, and is doing it in a most systematic and successful manner. Every week brings in from him one or more letters containing full names, dates, or other matters of interest. His loyalty and devotion to the interests of his chapter and of the Order might well shame some of the active members.

The C. H.'s of the reorganized Zeta and Pi have done much



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good work in perfecting the books of these once dead chapters. The C. H. of the latter is making every effort to find the records of the original chapter, but as yet without success. Lambda, which has heretofore furnished no information to the C. H., is now ably represented by Lowndes Maury, who is making very successful efforts to redeem its reputation. I feel constrained to call attention here to the neglect of duty of Omicron and Chi. The records of the former are in a deplorable condition. It is true that is a reorganized chapter, and has none of the records of the original chapter, but it has been in working order for two sessions now, and in that time should have done much to ascertain the facts needed. I have written to it repeatedly, but with no success. The communication referred to above as received from Lefevre, gives simply the date of their charter. Chi's records are in a much better condition, but repeated requests made this session for much desired information have been unnoticed. As long as any one chapter refuses to furnish necessary information, just so long will it be impossible to get out a complete history of the Order.

Alpha-Alpha, Alpha-Beta and Alpha-Theta sent in no reports as none were necessary from them, all that was required having been done by them. In the April JOURNAL I credited to E. W. Robertson the report received from Alpha-Gamma. The report was forwarded by that brother, but it seems that the compilation was the work of Chas. Whitaker. I make the correction here so as to give the credit to whom it is due. The report received from Alpha-Kappa was the first ever received from that chapter.

Additional contributions to the Safe Fund have been received from T. H. Huzza, C. W. Smith, F. Orme, W. W. Kirkpatrick, T. T. Hubbard, J. M. Bossieux, L. J. Haley, L. S. Guy, D. A. James, Tau, Alpha-Lambda, Xi, Alpha-Iota, Beta, Sigma, Alpha-Delta, and the Athens, Ga., and Spartanburg, S. C., alumni. The safe has now been paid for in full, and there is a surplus on hand which will be reported to the convention. We can now safely say that not only do we possess historical records, but that they are secure from destruction.

I have not been able to devote much time to working up the histories of dead chapters, and not much additional has been accomplished in that direction. W. A. Spencer, of Atlanta, from whom I obtained the charter of Theta Prime, and who has now in his possession rough minutes of that chapter, has not been

heard from recently. J. W. Dickson, reported as a charter member of Mu Prime, at Walhalla, S. C., writes that he is unable to give any information. It seems that he was never a member as reported, but that he simply assisted in the organization of the chapter, being at that time a resident of that place. Brother H. A. Royster, of the University of Pennsylvania, assisted me in an attempt to secure the addresses of the three initiates of Nu Prime Chapter, but without success. He found upon calling at the college that no record is kept of the movements of the alumni. Now that the colleges have closed, and the chapters have disbanded, I will devote more time to these matters during vacation.

The roll of the Kappa Alpha Association, of Atlanta, Ga., has been received from its secretary, M. L. Brittain. This is an unchartered organization of Kappa Alphas, composed of many of the alumni residing in that city. They were organized September 9, 1891, and the Birmingham convention directed a charter to be issued to them upon proper application. They have not yet applied for the charter.

I have continued my efforts to trace the rituals of the 1874 and 1886 editions. All the chapters have reported to me with the exception of Zeta, Omicron, Chi, and Alpha-Beta. Assuming that the number of copies issued in those editions was one hundred each, a summary of those whose whereabouts have been determined, shows from seventy-five to a hundred copies still unaccounted for. This is a deplorable state of affairs, and every effort should be made to remedy it. I would be glad if any of the readers of the JOURNAL knowing or suspecting the location of any copy of the ritual will notify me at once.

A contribution to the archives of the Order has been received from Thos. R. Gary, of Ocala, Fla., in the shape of copies of February and December, 1879, JOURNAL. They are valuable and will be carefully preserved.

The (1) of Upsilon has placed in my hands a letter from J. S. Mann, the last (1) of that chapter before its disbandment in 1887-'88. This shows conclusively that the chapter did not die from anti-fraternity laws as generally reported heretofore, nor from internal dissensions as represented in the February JOURNAL, page 211. Its death was due to the lack of desirable material and to the practices indulged in by other fraternities at the University. The exact date of its death has not been reported, but the last meeting of which there are any minutes is

one held September 2, 1887. At this meeting was initiated one R. E. Carter, whose initiation has never before been announced to the fraternity. This is another name to be added to those omitted from the catalogue of 1891.

The original brass seal of the Phi Kappa Chi society has been presented to the Order by Mr. Ammen, and is now in my possession.

J. D. Craighead, of Delta, reports that A. T. Trimmier, of that chapter, about whose name and history there has always been some obscurity, has been discovered to be T. R. Trimmier, Clerk of the Court of Spartanburg county.

I have recently come into possession of the minute book of Alpha for the sessions of 1867-'68-'69-'70. This is a most valuable addition to our archives. Many facts have been gathered from it in regard to our early history. The chief of these are in regard to the K. C.-ship. I find the dates and terms of the first incumbents to have been as follows: The office was instituted at a meeting held May 1, 1868, and J. F. Rogers, of Ga., was elected to the position. He served until October 5, 1868, when he was re-elected for a second term. He seems to have left college in the spring of '69, and on February 8, 1869, Samuel Z. Ammen was elected "vice Mr. Rogers, who has returned home." Mr. Ammen was re-elected November 27, 1869, and served a second term until March 31, 1871. There is no question about these dates, and the records heretofore written up from the memory of the older members have been altered to suit these facts.

Through the efforts of Brother L. P. Smith, Stephen Wallace and John Fletcher Tabor, both of Epsilon, heretofore reported dead, have been brought to life. The former can be addressed at 305 Milberry street, Wilmington, N. C. The address of the latter has not been furnished, but is in the possession of Smith. Tabor has been reported as dead ever since the catalogue of 1878 appeared. This makes five of those originally reported to me as "dead" that have been resurrected upon my calling for information in regard to them. May others soon follow.

Brother Smith has also ascertained that C. L. Worsham, reported under Epsilon in Catalogue '91, is not a Kappa Alpha. His name was inserted by mistake for that of James William Worsham, which was omitted.

I desire here to express my thanks to the Members of Alpha-Iota, Eta, and Alpha-Zeta for invitations to be present at their final banquets.

I regret to have to report that there seems to be no chance of ever recovering any of our early records. Some such papers and records were formerly preserved, and the transfer of the box containing them can be traced from one K. C. to another, in the accounts in the catalogue of 1878, down to D. R. Neal, Jr. From Neal and Graves I have ascertained that each passed them on to their respective successors which brought them down to J. S. Candler. Candler after being written to several times has finally reported that what property he had belonging to the Order was placed in the keeping of Epsilon, and was probably burned with their chapter hall. From this it would seem that further search is useless, but I will not cease to make inquiries.

A communication has been received from P. B. Hamer, ex-K. C., announcing that he has in his possession the prize essay of Brother E. C. Smith and the minutes of Omicron from its founding to the time of disbandment. He has been requested to send them on to me, but they have not been received. They will be valuable addition to our collection.

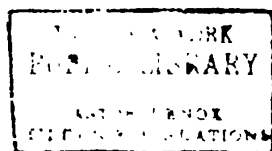
Attention is here called to one or two typographical errors in recent issues of the JOURNAL. In the April JOURNAL, on page 294, the sentence "A new charter was sent out to *Epsilon* when it was revived, October 9, 1881," should read: "A new charter was sent out to *Upsilon* when it was revived, October 9, 1891." On page 306, in list of reports received, P. Berghauns should be P. Berghaus. In the February JOURNAL, page 208, Gabriel *Emmett* Pope should read *Emmiel*, and on page 211, under Phi, H. C. Hendrick should read H. C. Kendrick.

TAEWELL TAYLOR HUBARD, G. H.

July 1, 1893.



ALPHA-LAMBDA CHAPTER—JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.



Chapter Alpha-Lambda,

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

THE history of Alpha-Lambda Chapter is the history of an uphill struggle against strongly intrenched rivals in a college, whose peculiar character and situation are particularly trying to the life and growth of fraternity chapters. So obvious, indeed, were the great difficulties and disadvantages which would beset the attempt to plant our banner at the Johns Hopkins that, although our fraternity has had representatives here ever since the opening of the university, the idea of establishing a new chapter did not, for a long time, arise. When, however, our collegiate department had grown and was no longer so completely overshadowed by the university proper, and some college spirit and college life had developed, the question of a Hopkins chapter was raised and became a matter of serious consideration in the fraternity. But, as late as '89, the advisability of taking action in this direction was very strongly doubted, especially by the Virginia chapters; and the Kappa Alphas attending here discouraged the proposed step themselves. They feared that the conditions were such as to cause the attempt to end only in failure, and that the university, in its then state, would not support more than the three chapters already founded by Beta Theta Pi, the Gamma Delta, and Delta Phi.

Then came a change of feeling in regard to the possibilities open to us at Baltimore. In that very year of '89 Alpha Delta Phi started a chapter at the Johns Hopkins—an event which carried with it a lesson not to be lost. The opposition to an effort for a chapter of our own here was, after this, much diminished; and finally, in '91, the time was ripe for action. In the early part of October the Kappa Alphas resident at the university assembled and debated about applying to the K. C. for a charter, the leading spirits of the movement being W. A. Harris and W. H. Kilpatrick. After a careful study of the situation, and notwithstanding the fact that in addition to the four powerful rivals already mentioned, they would now have a fifth in the new chapter just established by Phi Gamma Delta, they determined with true fraternity zeal to make the start. The charter was procured; and the chapter was organized October 21st as

Alpha-Lambda, with W. C. Bell of Mu, Julius Blume of Chi, W. A. Harris of Eta, W. H. Kilpatrick of Kappa, J. D. McNeel of Rho, J. K. S. Ray of Delta, and W. A. Montgomery of Tau, as charter members. A serious disadvantage which the new chapter long felt lay in the fact that but one of its original members, Brother Montgomery, belonged to the collegiate department, from which the recruits must be drawn to produce the strongest fraternity life here, as is most probably the case elsewhere also. All the other charter members, as well as the first initiates, were graduate students, which circumstance prevented the chapter from having that hold on the college students which it obtained later and used so effectively this year.

Alpha-Lambda's first year, '91-'92, was a period of slow but certain and enduring growth. A chapter house could not be thought of thus early, for the new chapter was unwilling to advance too rapidly and risk a forced retreat; so we obtained the use of one of our college halls and held meetings there every two weeks. The first initiates were Fanger De Haan and J. H. Pridgen, both university students. Next, Brother John Singleton of Roe, then studying medicine at the University of Maryland; Brother W. S. Hamilton of Alpha, who had just returned from Salt Lake City to study dentistry here; and Brother E. R. Zemp of Theta (second), attending the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, were affiliated with the new chapter under a special by-law terming them associate members. The chapter felt itself unusually fortunate in adding to its roll these experienced brothers; and Brother Hamilton especially has been of great service to us. Although a chapter house or private chapter rooms had not been secured, one important thing was accomplished before long: a full set of paraphernalia was purchased from the well-known Lilley Company, of Columbus, Ohio. This was christened in the initiation of Hugo P. Thieme, '93, the first undergraduate initiate of the chapter. Late in the spring A. F. Bentley, '92, was taken into the Order, and soon became an indefatigable worker. By this time our most honored K. C., who had watched with interest the upward struggle of the new chapter, thought that Alpha-Lambda was worthy to undertake some important work for the fraternity, and become the proud rival of even so energetic a chapter as Chi, our noted Vanderbilt sister. He therefore recommended, in April, '92, that we assume the preparation of the first *Annual Catalogue*, and appointed a member or a committee for that work. The

chapter accepted the duty and selected Brother Hamilton to edit the *Catalogue*. This useful publication was received on its appearance as a valuable addition to Kappa Alpha literature.

These are the noteworthy facts of the first year of Alpha-Lambda's life. The close of the year was darkened, however, by the death of Brother W. C. Bell, in whom the chapter and the Order suffered a sad loss. He died at the Johns Hopkins Hospital attended by all that skillful medical aid and careful nursing could afford; but all was in vain. As a last act of the year a chapter house committee was appointed, for the necessity of having a house for the coming year was felt by all.

The very first duty of our chapter's second year, the collegiate year just concluded, was the procuring of a house. By the efforts of Brothers Bently and Hamilton, who returned first to Baltimore, comfortable quarters were secured at No. 312 W. Biddle street, a situation more convenient to the university than any of the other fraternity houses here. Besides the two brothers mentioned the following five old members returned: Brothers Blume, Montgomery, Pridgen, Thieme, and Singleton. The first new members obtained were Brothers E. B. Anderson, of Alpha-Beta, and E. L. Reid, of Mu, both received by transfer. Then Brothers R. D. Brown, Jr., of Sigma, W. M. Redwood, of Eta, and F. S. K. Smith, of Alpha-Zeta, were admitted as associates. All the rooms in our house were soon occupied by members, except special apartments which were reserved for chapter meetings, convinia, etc. Our canvass for recruits then began and was maintained, excepting intervals of relaxation, all through the year, with the result that eleven desirable new men have been brought into the Order. The initiates of the first half year were the following: the first was George W. Witte, '95; then W. O. Forbes, '95; then, on one night, Morris James, a graduate student, E. P. Magruder, '94, F. B. Noyes, '93, and R. L. Pierce, '95; then, also together, F. C. Newton, graduate, and T. F. P. Cameron, '94; and then Henry S. West, initiated just before Christmas. A most enjoyable feature of the chapter's Christmastide was a spread given us by our landlady, to which we assembled in force and manifested our appreciation in more ways than one. During this first half, when studies were not troubling us particularly, we made good use of the social fellowship afforded by a fraternity chapter, and our old house rang with life very much oftener than at the necessary, formal, bi-weekly meetings.

In the second half, and especially toward its close, we had to buckle down to work in earnest, and as a natural consequence the house was much quieter; our neighbors even began to feel kindly toward the mysterious Greek stronghold in their midst with its sign of the cross on the door. Then, too, our membership was now very good: we were a strong chapter: so the recruiting spirit slept for some time. At the end of the year, however, we had some rousing meetings: our prospects for next year were talked over in a most enthusiastic and hopeful tone; but, on considering the possibility of only a comparatively small number of our men returning to the 'varsity, we resolved to make the last acts of '92-'93 a couple of initiations, if we could find worthy candidates. Forth we went; and our search resulted in the enlisting of C. H. H. Branch and B. H. Branch, brothers of '95, who were initiated on different evenings during our final examinations—an act which proves beyond a doubt the loyalty and zeal of the Alpha-Lambdas. During these last days also, we began to provide for a permanent chapter house, by passing a by-law to lay aside, and forward to the Grand Purser for safe keeping, monthly amounts to form a chapter house fund. And for the fraternity at large we again undertake, through Brother Hamilton, the publication of the second *Annual Catalogue*, which will be presented at the convention in September.

At the Johns Hopkins, Kappa Alpha is now, by it Alpha-Lambda Chapter, a formidable rival of any other fraternity. Our membership has reached twenty three, of whom eleven are undergraduates; and perhaps as many as fifteen of these will return next year. The names of a number of our men may be found on the roll of honor of the university and the books of the Athletic Association: six of our present members now hold, or have held for one or more years, scholarships or fellowships, and three are well known in athletics. Our present house no longer satisfies us: we have again appointed a chapter house committee to secure better quarters for next year, for we shall want a more commodious and pretentious dwelling befitting our advancement. This second year of its life has been a great year for Alpha-Lambda; but we say with confidence that we have every reason to hope for and expect much greater development.

This, then, is the story of Kappa Alpha's youngest, until quite recently, and northernmost chapter. As yet only a begin-

ning has been made here at Johns Hopkins, but surely it has been well made. Are there not grounds for the belief that Alpha-Lambda will always worthily hold its outpost and be an honor to the Order?

Johns Hopkins University, July 1, 1893.

The Convention.

THE convention at Richmond, Va., on September 13th, promises to be well attended. I hear from many members and chapters of intended attendance. It is thought likely the convention will set four days, as there is a vast deal of work to do. The Code will require careful examination and the new edition of the Ritual will need close attention. I trust the chapters will send men of open minds capable of judging every question on its merits.

S. Z. A.

The Annual Catalogue.

IT is important that the chapters notify Mr. William S. Hamilton, 312 West Biddle street, Baltimore, or the K. C., to whom to send their quotas of Annual Catalogues. They will be ready for distribution, it is believed, long before the next session opens. They will be sent to any member of a chapter who will undertake to distribute the chapter's quota promptly to its members. If they are to be sent out by the K. C., or by Mr. William S. Hamilton, the editor, as soon as they are ready, we must obviously have now soon the name of *one person* in each chapter who will distribute them.

It is the custom to express all the copies for a chapter in one package, C. O. D. They are for the members of the session just past, not the members of the session 1893-94. The men whose dues paid for the Catalogues are the men that ought to get them.

A Hurried Retrospect.

I SHALL, in my report to the convention, state in detail the events of my term of office, and active members, in 1893-94, will perhaps find them given in the convention minutes, but, for the benefit of readers of the JOURNAL who may not receive copies of the minutes, it may be desirable to narrate some of the larger facts of the years 1891-92-93. In the term of the present K. C. three new chapters have been established—Alpha-Kappa, Alpha-Lambda, and Theta. Two perished—Zeta and Rho. Four have been revived—Zeta, Omicron, Pi, and Upsilon. There has been thus a net gain of five organized chapters. We have enlarged our frontier, entering Maryland and adding to our garisons in Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas.

Our annual membership has also increased—from 366 in 1890-91, to some 465 in 1892-93. Our income from ordinary dues has increased in greater proportion than our membership, owing to improved machinery of collection or increased recognition of chapter obligations or both. The property of the chapters is increasing, as respects both their equipment for purposes of the ritual and for comfort. A good deal of money has been spent in many chapters in fitting up rooms, others have been laying by cash for chapter houses. Xi, for example, has acquired a building lot and has amassed \$700 with which to build on it. Several chapters that were in debt have paid out and will begin next year with clean books. It is being recognized that in future the possession of chapter houses will affect the fortunes of fraternities in the South to an increased extent.

The only item of retrogression to be noted is in the number of badges worn by active members. The high price and hard times are supposed to account for this decline.

The internal condition, or morale, of the chapters has likewise improved; not only is there local zeal, but there is sustained interest in the Order's affairs. This is shown in the better reporting and fuller payment of dues. The relations of the chapters with the general officers are more intimate, perhaps, than in some preceding years. The efficiency of our machinery is shown in the success with which the editor of the *Annual Catalogue*, the G. H. and K. C., have obtained from all the chapters the information required for their several purposes. There

is no other fraternity, I believe, that publishes an *Annual Catalogue*. Our success with ours testifies to the excellence and completeness of our present organization. It points also to a steadiness, solidity, and prosperity upon which we may congratulate ourselves.

The Order has been fortunate in its general officers. They have all worked with energy and success in their respective spheres.

The new work of the two years has been this: The institution of annual reports from the general officers to the K. C., of monthly reports from the C. S.'s and Pursers to the K. C., and of reports more or less frequent from the C. H.'s to the G. H.; the publication of *Annual Catalogues*; the revision and new edition of the Ritual, and preparation of a revised Code for submission to the convention; the preparation and distribution of chapter registers and alumni circulars and blanks; the enlargement of our archives and the acquisition of a large iron safe in which to preserve them. For the preparation of the *Catalogues* we are indebted to Mr. William S. Hamilton whose knowledge of K. A. affairs has greatly aided the K. C. The Chapter Register and alumni circulars and blanks we owe to Mr. J. S. Chick, Jr. Our archives and safe we owe, of course, to our indefatigable G. H. For the rest—a work of protracted and exacting toil—the K. C. is responsible.

I desire again to call the attention of the Order to the particular merit of Charlton Wallace, who in the past year not only did immense service for Alpha-Theta, but virtually founded Theta. E. T. Green, an alumnus resident in Lexington, has for several years been the *almus pater* of K. A.'ism in his city, and has earned our gratitude. Albert Blanton of Tau, who revived Pi, at the cost of much labor and trouble to himself, also deserves grateful mention. I think the Order should institute special honors for men who, like these, distinguish themselves in its service.

S. Z. A., K. C.

A Few Words.

MUCH has been said of late in regard to the "new charter-granting law." From the argument brought out this law will undoubtedly be repealed at the next convention, and a new one, containing the prominent features of both the old and the new, will be enacted.

As to the validity of the new law it remains to be seen whether or not Brother H. H. White should have been entitled to a vote when he was unavoidably absent from the convention at the time the vote was taken. He certainly was *entitled* to vote, as much so as a delegate; if not, there could be no use of sub-section 3, Section 10 of Article III. of the Constitution. The same is true of Section 11, page 22. It is highly improbable that these two sections were not inserted in the Constitution for the purpose, and not to serve as complimentary tickets, so to speak. Again, see how inconsistent would be Section 2 and Section 3 of Article XV., as compared to each other. Also notice how Section 8, page 21 (last part), and Section 11, page 22 work within each other. The K. C. and the Convention Orator are, as a matter of course, loyal and well-informed Kappa Alphas, and they are honored for being such. This honor might have been judiciously bestowed upon others—but this does alter the question. Also, if any measure is passed by a convention it is the work of the delegates and ex-officios. To my mind there is no difference between convention and delegation, as both constitute one idea—a convention of delegates or voters. Those brothers attending a convention, who are neither delegates nor ex-officios are not members of a convention.

Returning to the present new law, we find the chief objection to be (1) the difficulty in getting the four vouchers and (2) the time involved in the execution of the law. We have already noted the utter failure in placing a chapter at a Maryland college on account of not securing the vouchers. All eyes involuntarily turn to the new chapter, Theta, State College, Lexington, Ky. In the first place it is presumed that all Kappa Alphas are familiar with our claim upon the above named city. In the spring of 1892 Omega Chapter drew up a petition for a chapter at the State College, and it was sent to Alpha-Theta Chapter. Some controversy as to vouchers arose and nothing more was

done this session. September, 1892, Alpha-Theta made out a petition similar to the previous one and forwarded it to Omega Chapter. This petition bore the names of four vouchers, all of whom were members of Alpha-Theta, and these vouchers and the men vouched for were, in the main, residents of the city in question. This was all very easy, and it is a wonder that the new chapter was not established earlier. But even under these favorable circumstances if one of the men vouched for had left college would not this fact have prevented the establishment of the chapter? Omega, on receiving the petition, discovered a slight flaw in it and it was returned to Alpha-Theta, but not without Omega's signature. Alpha-Theta then bid it farewell and sent it on its journey. It turned up quite early in the year, having taken five months from the time it was drawn up. The result was that Theta Chapter was established at the State College of Kentucky in the early part of February. Examine this and you will find that it is one case out of many. To occupy the South, as is our intent, as well as to keep alive a spirit of progress, we must do away with vouchers and Advisory Board. We took heavy risks in establishing chapters during 1883-4, and we have come out on top. The K. C. is in no way responsible for the deaths of Theta and Pi. Nu Prime was not intended to be anything more than an alumni chapter, but it initiated one or two men. Xi Prime existed only on paper. Pi Prime was healthy until a sudden drop-off in material occurred. How many chapters have we lost since 1883? The older we get and the more chapters we have (provided we remain in the South) lessens the risk of indiscriminate chapter-granting. We can most certainly rely on the good judgment of the K. C. and the chapters in the State to be entered. As to entering a State in which we are not represented, leave the matter with adjacent chapters or to a certain number of vouchers as to the institution. If there is a worthy institution in the South in which we are not represented there is room for us. If not apparently, we can make room. As a Kappa Alpha it is not pleasant to think of the University of Mississippi, Roanoke College, and others mentioned in a late JOURNAL.

L. S. B.—NU.

Kappa Alpha at Georgetown, Texas.

THAT part of the history of Xi chapter of Kappa Alpha, at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, relating to her organization, etc., has already been given to the Greek world, but a few facts in her history, hitherto unnoticed, may prove of some interest to the readers of the JOURNAL.

The writer was quite a boy when the existence of the fraternities at Southwestern was discovered, but well does he remember the intense excitement which prevailed at that time. Day after day the fight waxed hotter. Morning after morning the different fraternities walked in body to the chapel, each one being greeted with cheers by their fellow-students. Here they came filing down the aisle one by one with a grim look of determination on their faces. He remembers that the pastor of the church called a meeting of the fraternity men and tried to dissuade them from further opposition to the faculty. Things were growing desperate. At first fraternity men were denied all honors and at last expulsion seemed inevitable. It was a time that tried men's souls, that is fraternity men's. But those old Greeks were made of stern stuff and at last victory was theirs. In this fight Kappa Alpha had her share. Her men were among the foremost in the struggle and true to their principles allowed nothing to daunt them. "Would that I could write the names of each true and tried knight in letters of gold."

Since the anti-fraternity laws have been repealed as well as before, Xi has held a high position in old Southwestern, as also in the social circles of Georgetown. That she has proven true to her motto, "Excelsior," may be seen from the following honors taken during the last seven years of her existence, the time that she has had competitors in the intellectual field.

Out of ten first honors Kappa Alpha has taken eight, Phi Delta Theta, three; Sigma Alpha Epsilon (now dead), one; and Barbs, one. In '87 two Kappa Alpha's tied on first honor, and this year, '93, there was a tie between a Kappa Alpha and a Phi. The second honors have been distributed as follows: Kappa Alpha, four; Phi Delta Theta, four. There is no record of second honor men of '86 and '87.

Of the senior orators' medals Kappa Alpha has taken four, and Phi Delta Theta, four.

Of the junior orators' medals Kappa Alpha has taken there, Phi Delta Theta, two.

Of the monthly medals awarded for the best essay in the Alamo and San Jacinto *Monthly*, during the session, Kappa Alpha has received two, Phi Delta Theta, four; S. A. E., one; and Barbs, two.

Of thirteen essay medals awarded variously among the students of the freshman, sophomore and junior English classes, Kappa Alpha has taken five, Phi Delta Theta, six; Barbs, two. Kappa Alpha has received five of the sophomore declaimers' medals; Phi Delta Theta, one; and Barbs, two.

Out of sixteen winning commencement debaters Kappa Alpha has furnished eight, Phi Delta Theta, five; Barbs, one; S. A. E., one.

Until the year '88, our college magazine was edited either by one of the professors or by four editors, two from each society. Of these Kappa Alpha has furnished her quota. In '88, however, and since, it has been edited by an editor-in-chief assisted by four sub-editors. The chief editors have been divided as follows: Kappa Alpha, three; Phi Delta Theta, two.

Besides all these Kappa Alpha has taken two Stewart science medals, '86 and '87, respectively, and the junior Greek medal of '87, while Phi Delta Theta has taken the Morrow sophomore Latin medal of '87. None of these medals are now awarded.

All these make a total of all honors and medals taken as follows: Kappa Alpha, forty-two; Phi Delta, thirty; S. A. E, four; and Barbs, eight.

But lest some of my readers should think that we strive for medals alone I will state that we are not behind in literary effort, having, with rare exceptions, come out "on top" on the "distinction lists." This year we made the highest average of any of the fraternities.

We are also prospering in a material way, having begun work on our chapter house fund and so well have we succeeded that we expect to begin building early in the fall. The fraternities are all on the best of terms now and all have an excellent membership. Kappa Sigma has been somewhat behind in past years but now has an excellent chapter, composed of some of the best men in college and we predict for her a glorious and prosperous future.

Kappa Alpha's prospects were never brighter and we trust that we may ever be worthy of the compliment which our wor-

thy, excellent and energetic K. C. recently paid us by saying in a recent letter: "Salute glorious Xi for me, one of the best of our best."

R. GIBBS MOOD,
C. H. XI CHAPTER.

Nu Chapter.

BY reason of fire which necessitated the removal of the records from our hall, Nu Chapter has lost quite a number of its JOURNALS and in order to complete the file we insert this notice. We are yet lacking Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Vol. I. and Nos. 1 and 2, Vol. II. of the magazine and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Vol. III., Nos. 1, 5, and 6, Vol. IV., No. 1, Vol. V., No. 9, Vol. VII. and Nos. 2 and 5, Vol. IX. of the JOURNAL. We have quite a number of duplicate copies ranging in date from 1888 to 1893 which we will exchange for the above copies, or we will pay fifteen cents a copy for them. The above also applies to the Catalogues of 1883-4 and 1887-8 of this college. Address, Box 69.
HENRY HOWELL SMITH, Auburn, Ala.

To Her.

DEDICATED TO E. F.

I sing of thee, Oh mystic soul!
I sing of thee in accents plain,
E'en now, and after ages roll
And time is past I'll sing again.
Inspiring spirit of my life,
Arousing great and holy thought;
Thou nerverest me for noble strife,
By thee, dear victory is brought!
Embodiment of everything
Divine in every human frame!
In accents weak of thee I sing,
And doubly bless thy gentle name.

F. F. F.

Secret Titles.

IN the April JOURNAL was an inquiry from Mr. Paul Berghaus, of Alpha-Alpha, as to the amount of publicity to be given to the names of chapter officers. The brother notes that it was formerly the custom to designate officers by number only, avoiding initials. He observes also that the more careful chapters still avoid using the initials of certain officers, to say nothing of spelling out in full the names of the most important functionaries. Perhaps it is my duty to answer the brother's question. It is undoubtedly improper to give the initials, much more to spell out the titles of the chapter officers proper. The practice of referring to officers by initials indiscriminately should be at once suppressed. It is a divulging of a chapter secret. It is proper, I think, to use in the JOURNAL the initials (not spell out the titles) of the General Officers and of their representatives in the chapters. We may speak freely of the K. C., the G. H., the G. P. or Editor, and of the C. S., the C. H., and the P., but the titles of the chapter officers, other than those here named, ought to be designated invariably by number and not by initials. I confess it has horrified me to see the titles of some of our most important chapter officers spelled out in full in the JOURNAL and very often designated by initials. It is to be stopped.

Peccavi. I have to a certain extent fallen into the bad innovation myself, seeing it so common in the JOURNAL, but I shall ask the chapter writers and the editor of the JOURNAL hereafter to draw the line between our secret and public titles.

In this connection I have a word to say in behalf of the initiate. He should not, I think, be introduced to the order as a "goat," but by some more respectful designation.

Some Unwritten History.

IN June, 1883, Marion Dargan, one of the charter members of Chi Chapter (which had been established at Vanderbilt University two months before), showed his appreciation of, and love for the order of which he had so lately become a member, by coming to Centre College, at Danville, Ky., and there on the 22d of June, 1883, initiated two men, whom he found worthy to be decorated with the crimson and gold. Thus was the work started in Kentucky. How well these two men performed the trust thus imposed on them is told in the story of their careers, and the history of Kappa Alpha in Kentucky. Tiltington, the first initiate, was then an enthusiastic worker while in college, is now a lawyer in Paris, Texas, and a deacon, I believe, in the Baptist church. Williams, while in college, was Omega's head of inspiration, and when he left Centre went to the University of Virginia, became the 1 and 6 of Lambda and finally G. P. of the order, and the originator of our greatest advance in the last twenty years—our financial system.

In September of the first year, Dargan asked Omega to send some one with him to Central University, at Richmond, Ky., to form a charter there, but there is no record of this ever having been done. Since then the following frats have entered Central University: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, '82; Sigma Nu, '83; Alpha Tau Omega, '84; Delta Kappa Epsilon, '84; and Phi Delta Theta, '85. All of these have maintained strong chapters except Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, both of which died in 1890. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has since been revived.

Omega took a good position from the first, and grew stronger as time went by. The first year twelve men were initiated. This placed her in the front rank in college affairs and compelled the three older fraternities then existing at Center, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi to recognize her either as an important ally or a formidable foe.

In her career at Centre Omega has had more honor men than all the other frats put together. Besides valedictorians and Sophomore prize men—the only two scholastic prizes offered—who number about eight for her decade of life, she has had two out of six of the representatives in the Annual Intercollegiate

Oratorical Contests. One of them, L. D. Noel, won the first prize in the first contest; another, S. M. Wilson, the author of *EXCELSIOR* in last midsummer *JOURNAL*, was defeated, but when the decision was announced almost the entire audience, including part of the faction of the winning contestant, manifested disapproval. All of Omega's initiates have been enthusiastic fraternity men, and some of them have taken front rank in fraternity affairs. Many of them have been frequent and able contributors to the *JOURNAL*.

In 1890 the Kentucky Wesleyan College was moved from Millersburg, Ky., to Winchester, Ky., and Mr. T. R. Best, of Millersburg; a Senior in the Kentucky Wesleyan College, being unwilling to follow this institution to its new home, came to Centre to complete his studies. There he roomed with his cousin, Brother T. M. Barbee, a charter member of and transfer from Alpha-Eta. These young men's fathers had been Beta Theta Pi together at Centre in *ante bellum* days, and the sentiment in this fact, together with the position of Omega that year in college and social affairs, induced Best not to separate from Barbee, but to cast his lot with Kappa Alpha, notwithstanding the earnest solicitations of several other fraternities. His zeal and energy soon placed him high in the esteem of his college mates and confreres. As a student he stood above the medium, was a debater of great force, wrote ably for the college paper, and occupied nearly every position in the Demologian Society. He graduated with B.A., and was elected class poet. In 1891 our brother, S. M. Wilson, won the right, on the night of the 22d of February, to represent Centre in the State Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest. He had won the Chautauqua Contest the summer before, and on account of his past record, and the merits of his speech of the 22d, he was put forward as Centre's knight, with high hopes of victory. This was the highest oratorical honor that could be conferred by "Old Centre," the college that prides itself on having won four of the six Intercollegiate Oratorical Contests, and once in the Southern Intercollegiate Association. Omega gave a spread in honor of the occasion, which proved a regular love-feast. It was Kappa Alpha from oysters to cigars, and gave an additional impetus to progress in Kentucky.

Best immediately commenced negotiations with his friend, Samuel McClintock, a student at Kentucky University, Lexington, Ky. McClintock easily found four others in the University,

leaders of the thought and action of that institution, who were willing to become members of the new organization in spite of adverse faculty regulations. Four of these, S. M. McClintock, C. Wallace, J. M. McVey, and G. W. Kemper were initiated as charter members on the night before the State Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest (which was held in Lexington that year,) by Brothers T. R. Best, J. E. Turner, H. P. Brown, S. M. Wilson, and T. M. Barbee, of Omega.

On the following night, the fifth man, E. Grehan, was initiated, a great many of Omega's members being present. After the initiation both chapters participated in an impromptu feast. When the "goodies" were gone, the new members remained far into the night becoming acquainted with the brothers of Omega and with the duties and privileges of the fraternity. This number remained intact for the remainder of the year. The next year, being Lexington boys, they all returned, and then it was that the life of Alpha Theta began in earnest.

One day in October, 1891, the writer, while passing in front of the Phoenix Hotel, in Lexington, was stopped by a pale, good-looking youth, who, having seen my badge, stood on his head and clapped his heels together three times in the air. These mystic signs I repeated, first taking due care that I was not noticed, after which we "gripped."

He was Brother M. B. Guthrie, of Alpha Delta, at Wm. Jewell College, Missouri. He had been very sick in Lexington for a month, and up to that date he had been unable to unearth a single Kappa Alpha.

He was made acquainted with the boys, generally given the address of the place of meeting, stayed at the Kentucky University nearly all of that school year (I think he left finally on account of sickness), and was a tower of strength to Alpha Theta, his greater fraternity experience being as a pillar of fire to guide them by night," and his enthusiasm as "a cloud to guide them by day." Much of Alpha Theta's early enthusiasm is due to Brother Guthrie. He paid Omega a visit while in Kentucky and it will ever be remembered with the greatest pleasure by her knights as the source of much new strength. While in Lexington, seeing the character of the material at the State College of Kentucky, and learning of the permanency and wealth of that institution, he started a petition for a charter. Both of the Kentucky chapters voted for the new chapter, but whether the petition was lost or whether the new charter law was

"too many" for it, I have never been able to find out; anyhow, the charter was not granted, and Guthrie left Lexington grieved and disappointed that Kappa Alpha would not be represented in a college of such standing.

This was the first effort toward the establishment of our new Theta. It remained for several members of Alpha Theta, assisted by Brother Leigh S. Boyd, of Nu, to finally do away with the anti-frat laws and to place Theta in the high position it now occupies.

But I am running ahead of my story. In the early part of 1891, Brother E. J. Green, Jr., an enthusiastic alumnus of Kappa Chapter, moved from Covington, Ky., where he had been studying law, to Lexington, Ky., where he began its practice.

When he was told all about the chapter, its organization, the character of its men, its trials, and its troubles, its hopes and aspirations, Green invited them to make his office their chapter hall, which invitation they gladly accepted, having had to meet heretofore in the rooms of the different members, and their number had so increased that their meetings were beginning to be noticed by the non-frats. To this invitation, Brother Green added the further inspiration of his personal presence at every meeting. To him, his greater age, and his broader fraternity education, Alpha-Theta owes much of her present strength and position at Kentucky University.

The KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL, April 1890, says that Sigma Alpha Epsilon granted a charter to Kentucky University. If this is so, our boys have never been troubled by it. Delta Tau Delta, I think, has reorganized her Psi Chapter there. Of this much I am certain, there is another fraternity there whose members sometimes call themselves Deltas, and that a Delta Tau Delta from another institution fraternizes when here with this crowd. All of these men disclaim openly any fraternity connection, while many of our men openly boast that they are Kappa-Alphas, and frequently wear badges openly to college, on public occasions.

The faculty has lately learned that there exist fraternities in the university, and a short time ago had a meeting and debated the matter. Prof. Milligan, an old-time member of the sub-rosa Rho chapter of Phi Gamma Delta, at Kentucky University, from 1860 to 1862, and Prof. Kemper, two of whose sons are Kappa Alpha's, and one a Delta, boldly advocated fraternities, and promised our boys aid in their great undertaking. Only two

members of the faculty were positively opposed to the system. The other members of the faculty are "on the fence," and it is believed that next year they will step over on the side of progress, as a body of educators is ever supposed to do—and vote in favor of fraternities. This meeting of the faculty did much, for it came to the conclusion that the character of the men in the fraternities was such that they could not afford to expel them or even suspend them, and that if the regulations now required of a matriculate were not sufficient to keep the students from joining they could not stop them by making new rules or by demanding their charters, and they finally decided to let the matter alone this year. All of this is a great victory for the fraternity element.

Year after next with a new president, the boys expect the anti-frat laws to be repealed or quietly allowed to become obsolete. Several of our members are going to buy badges which they intend to wear next year out in plain view. All three of the Kentucky chapters intend to have delegates at the convention this fall, and it will not be long before Kentucky begins again to make herself felt in the councils of the order more strongly than she has ever done in times past.

L. B., OF OMEGA AND THETA.

Hon. D. J. Meadow.

MR. MEADOW comes of aristocratic South Carolina ancestry. He was born in Feastville, a country village settled by planters' families in Fairfield county, Ala., on March 22, 1858. He is comparatively a young man, being just thirty-five years old. He is the son of Daniel R. Meadow. Strange to say, in this migratory age, Mr. Meadow owns the plantation that belonged to his great-grandfather, which has descended in an unbroken line of titles from King George for a period of 128 years, the original grant being about three hundred acres. His mother was a Miss Estes, of Chester, S. C. He lost his father when only four years old. He received his early education at the Feastville Academy. From this he attended the military school of Capt. John B. Patrick, at Greenville, S. C., for two terms, and prepared for the Furman University. He was a member of the Senior Class and left the university in April before graduating. He had the honor of being elected Anniversary Orator of the Philosophian Society at Furman University. He married Miss Lydia Polnitz at the residence of her grandfather, Maj. Lyles, in South Carolina, in November, 1882, a beautiful and accomplished young lady who had been sent from Alabama to South Carolina to be educated. He has four children.

Mr. Meadow is one of the largest farmers in his section of the country, and annually makes about four hundred bales of cotton. He is also largely engaged in stock raising. He is one of the organizers and directors of the First National Bank of Demopolis. He was elected to the Lower House in 1887, and successively re-elected to the present house. Mr. Meadow is an indefatigable worker, is a straight-out Democrat, and did much effectual work in re-electing Hon. R. H. Clark to Congress. He has done as much for his party as any man in his county, and has been actively engaged in politics ever since he came to the State to live. His own majority in the last election was 1,200. He is Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, one of the most important in the House. He is on the Ways and Means Committee and Banking and Insurance. He is a splendid representative of the young men who are taking position among the young men of Alabama.

The *Mobile Register* said of him: "The shaping of the course of legislation in the ante-recess session of Alabama's lower House required wisdom, tact, and prudent management. To frame and to pass a general appropriation bill in a shape to meet widely divergent views upon subjects singled out for retrenchment, to make unanimous the voice of the General Assembly in both ends of the capitol, in order that the people of the State may pay whatever rate of tax is necessary to redeem her every pledge and obligation, is a work very largely due to Mr. Meadow's successful efforts to reconcile and compromise the widely separated opinions of stringent measures of retrenchment, and for upholding Governor Jones' hands in preserving the State's honor, the result is largely due. Mr. Meadow is a straight-out Democrat of the strictest type; he is a business man by instinct, and is successful in life by reason of his clear-headed common sense. He is a young man, modest, and diffident, and he is possessed of a personality that has made him a general favorite with the hundred men that the Legislature grouped together as strangers just a month since. His selection as chairman of appropriation and as second member of the finance committees of the House, was proof of the wisdom of the House in making Frank Pettus its Speaker. Mr. Meadow will be heard from in Alabama history."

Mr. Meadow is a member of the Baptist church, and has held the position of deacon in that church since 1886. He is prominent in Masonic circles. He makes his home at Myrtlewood, Marengo county, Ala. The JOURNAL wishes Mr. Meadow continued prosperity and success as a citizen and as a statesman.

Whence? Whither?

Drift!

Who would care to lift

The cast-off rose

From the stream's traitorous breast?

No one knows

Whose it was—where it bloomed!

Only doomed—doomed—doomed.

It is best—

Drift!

NORMAN DE LAGUTRY.

A Proposition.

I WANT to propose that each chapter, at the end of each college year or every other college year, get some of their publishers alumni to publish for them at a minimum cost, a circular letter giving :

1. The names, addresses, and occupations of all their alumni.
2. The names, addresses, and occupation of the alumni of other chapters, residing in their State.
3. The honors in scholarship, oratory, music, athletics, etc., taken by the members of the chapter in former years.
4. The honors taken, by the members of the chapter during the past two school years.
5. An account of any especially great honor—such as an inter-collegiate oratorical contest—that has been won during the past two years by any member of the chapter.
6. What the members of the chapter propose to do in the future, with any other miscellaneous business which they wish to present to the alumni.

This letter will not interfere with our present system of reports; which, as I understand them, are the reports of the chapters to headquarters. This letter will be quite different; it will be the report of the chapter to the alumni, which are, I think, entitled to this much consideration. One copy of this letter shall be mailed to each of the alumni of the mailing chapter, and one to each alumnus residing in the State, but not of that chapter. It would keep the alumni informed as to what is being done in their State and their chapter, and so would engender interest; for men do not take interest in affairs of which they know nothing. It could be worked on the subscription plan, if necessary, at very little cost to the chapters. This would do much more toward bringing the alumni in "close communion" with the chapters than the establishment of an alumni degree. Some one must bring this before the convention.

L. BECKNER,
Omega and Theta.

Pandora.

ONE of the interesting (and perhaps paying) departments of some of the fraternity magazines is the column in which publications are reviewed; and probably no more generally interesting articles have appeared in fraternity publications of late years than the reviews of college annuals. The JOURNAL has never conducted a review department, saving the Greek Press, although the subject of college annuals has been a tempting one. On one occasion the staff announced that it had determined to contribute some thought, space, and Faber to a review of those evidences of inter-fraternity good fellowship, and awaited their arrival with a keen anticipation and sharp pencil; but the *Lehigh Epitome* and the *Vanderbilt Comet* were all that came, the former loaned by a kind frater and the latter secured at the regulation discount of thirty-five per cent.—a silver dollar being given in payment. On that occasion the JOURNAL failed to become distinguished as a story paper and ardent admirer of the annuals, as after a careful review its only comment was that two annuals were on the table, “the *Lehigh Epitome* and the *Vanderbilt Comet*, the former’s principal characteristic being its mechanical make-up, which is excellent, and the latter its vulgarity, which is superlative.” Since that time the annuals have been scarce articles with the JOURNAL; in fact, until the last week none had come to it save at the regulation price of one dollar per copy. But last week there came a copy of *Pandora*, which demands this acknowledgment and deserves a departure from the JOURNAL’s “stock” criticism of annuals. *Pandora* is published annually by the fraternities of the University of Georgia, and that volume in the hand of the female librarian who made her toilet with a hairpin and spider web, and who is illustrated on the last page of the book, is numbered Vol. VI., 1893.

So *Pandora* has gotten past the bottle age. A book of 218 pages—a red, black, and gold book—a six-by-eight inch book—a plate-paper book—a highly illustrated book—a book that interests collegians—that is the sixth volume of *Pandora*, and Harry Hodgson, a Kappa Alpha, is the editor in chief.

As is usual with such publications, *Pandora* gives space first to the university, next to the different classes, then to the frater-

nities, followed by the various college organizations—ball clubs, etc.; the last few pages being devoted to local jokes and pointed wit.

Editorials play quite an important part in this number, too, and show that there is a serious side to all of this work.

For some time the trustees of a number of universities opposed the publication of annuals by the fraternities, as being detrimental to the institution, inculcating, as they said, disrespect for the powers that be. A casual reading of *Pandora's* editorials utterly refutes this charge. While there are in certain departments rather pointed thrusts at certain customs of some of those in authority, still the sober side of the book shows a deep and earnest interest in the University of Georgia and an evident desire to see it succeed above all else. In fact, one very pointed way to contribute to the success of the university is to expose the little weaknesses and big sins of those officially connected with the institution. The JOURNAL has in mind now the complete revision of the faculty in one department of a leading university, caused by less than half a page in the "annual" published by the fraternities of that institution. The students recognized that the department was not being kept up to its proper standard, and yet no amount of petitioning would have been of avail, for they were looked upon as a body of malcontents. But when the annual was published there were such pointed, yet polite, remarks about the different members of the faculty that it was patent to all that heroic treatment was necessary. One very enthusiastic member of the Board of Trustees introduced a resolution requiring the editor of the annual to surrender the whole issue for purpose of cremation, and expelling all who had had any connection with the publication. Another member, however, moved in lieu that the Board remove the cause of criticism by requesting resignations and electing new members of the faculty, and this latter counsel prevailed. This is somewhat of a digression from a review of *Pandora*, but the earnest tone of the editorials and the evident solicitation for the real good of the University of Georgia proved the inspiration.

With the exception of two or three articles, the literary character of the contents of this annual is good. There is some dullness and some monotony, the puntsters being the principal offenders in the latter line. The colors, flower, yell, officers, and members of every class and organization are given, and each class has its poem and history. The lines are all good, and those of the Sophomore class are given here for their smoothness:

The Sophomoric fellow—you will know him when he comes;
 There's no use to announce him with a rattle of the drums,
 Or a blowing of the trumpets; you can spot him anywhere
 By the wonderful assurance of his consequential air!

He's left the Freshman's greenness just a mile or two behind;
 He has really quit his meanness and developed half his mind;
 He knows the sun is shining and the earth is like a ball,
 But he's now in double trouble, for he thinks he knows it all!

O, the Sophomoric fellow! he is getting there so ^{gen}!

That he wonders if it really is n't most too good to be true!

And to sum up every feeling in a solitary line:

He feels the world a-reeling, and he chuckles: "It is mine!"

The illustrations consist of university buildings, fraternity and club groups, and are all well executed. The cut of our chapter, which is reproduced in this number of the JOURNAL, is probably the poorest executed of them all, the photographer not having properly manipulated his light on the group.

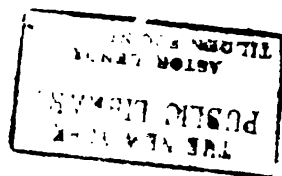
Another article in this JOURNAL gives statistics of Kappa Alpha at the University of Georgia, else they would be gathered from *Pandora* and presented here. The fact that Kappa Alpha has eight members in a faculty of twenty-five, and no other fraternity has more than two, may be an indication of the stand which Gamma has taken in scholarship.

Pandora, Vol. VI., is a success, and Harry Hodgson should be proud of it.



CHI CHAPTER, KAPPA ALPHA—VANDERBILT.

From the "Cy met."



Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Another session has come to a close at Washington and Lee, and it has been a very prosperous one for Alpha Chapter. We have two new members to introduce to the fraternity. They are J. Price Mitchell and Roland G. Mitchell, of Brownsburg, Va. They are in every way worthy to be Kappa Alphas, and will do much toward strengthening our chapter next session. We will probably return six men.

Brothers Carmichael and Sale got their B.L.'s with flying colors, and will settle down to the practice of their profession in the fall.

The finals were very pleasant. Many young ladies attended them, and their preference for the old gold and crimson was very marked.

The boat race was a very good one this year. Our goats, the Mitchell brothers, were both in the Harry Lee crew. The Albert Sidney crew won by a narrow margin. Their victory was largely, if not wholly, due to the fact that Roy Mitchell was suffering from the effects of a very severe fall which he sustained a few days before the race.

We hope that every chapter in the fraternity will have a delegate at the convention at Richmond in September. Some very important questions must be acted upon at that time.

With many regrets, we close our last letter to the JOURNAL.

ZETA.

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

Unfortunately, of the five men in Kappa Alpha last year not a single one returned to the college this session, consequently the report spread abroad that the fraternity was dead at Randolph-Macon College. But not so, with one affiliate and two new members, it gives me much pleasure to announce to the fraternity at large that old Zeta has taken a new lease of life and will strive to maintain the position it has held heretofore—at the top.

The arrival at Randolph-Macon of Brother Patrick Henry Williams, of Elizabeth, N. C., from Upsilon Chapter was the first sign of Zeta's reanimation.

On the night of March 18, Brother W. H. Twitty, of Suffolk, Va., son of the late Rev. J. F. Twitty, an esteemed alumnus of Zeta, donned the fraternal emblem of Kappa Alpha.

After Randolph-Macon's victory in baseball over Richmond College, on April 15, Brothers Duke F., Turner, Norfleet and Cooke, of the visiting contingent, remained over night, as a result of which the secrets of Kappa Alpha were secrets no longer to the writer.

As yet we have not thoroughly organized the chapter, but next year with the return of the present members and possibly of Brothers Moyler and Taylor, with reinforcements from the new body of students, Zeta will doubtless again go the front.

At the first of the session, as Zeta was seemingly a thing of the past, all of the property of the chapter, paraphernalia, ritual, etc., were carried to Lambda Chapter, where they are at present. We have written, however, for them and will enter into active chapter work upon their return.

Although small in numbers we are not without a share of college honors. Brother Williams has been elected vice-president at commencement, and Brother Twitty, marshal, both from Franklin Literary Society. Your humble correspondent has the honor of being captain and pitcher on the college baseball team, besides editor of the collegina department of the college magazine.

There are six fraternities in college: Phi Kappa Sigma (11), Phi Delta Theta (8), Sigma Chi (7), Kappa Sigma (8), Phi Theta Psi (7), Kappa Alpha (3).

The old antagonistic anti-fraternity spirit so bitter here several years ago has to all outward appearances completely died out, and now, happily, a most pleasant state of harmony exists between all classes.

This year's baseball team, which is one of the best Randolph-Macon College has ever had, has given a considerable impetus to athletics at Randolph-Macon. Our principal rival, Richmond College, was defeated in two games the first of the season, scores: 11 to 9, 15 to 6. Three more victories and two defeats from other teams have since been added to Randolph-Macon's list. We expect to play the University of Virginia here on the 15th of June.

The election of officers resulted as follows: W. H. Twitty (1), P. H. Williams (2), J. H. Robertson, (3).

The best wishes of Zeta are extended to all in Kappa Alpha circles.

ETA.

RICHMOND COLLEGE.

Eta opens her letter this month by the introduction to the fraternity at large of her most recent initiate, Robert Bruce Bowe, of Richmond, Va. He is a brother of our esteemed (3), and although quite young, already gives promise of becoming a valuable addition to our ranks. Brother Bowe's initiation was conducted in a very quiet manner; he had already become one of us in sympathy and aims, and only needed to be inducted into the mysteries of our Order to be received to our hearts.

June 22d brought to a close a session of unprecedented prosperity and advancement of the interests of Kappa Alpha at Richmond College. We have been called during the session to regret the loss of two brethren, Edmund Harrison and Samuel H. Lewis, both of whom left college to engage in business in the city; but we still saw a good deal of the former at our meetings. We cannot report a single graduate this year, but our members have done credit to themselves in their examinations, and we *all* (12) hope to return; and next session we expect to carry off six degrees. But the most decided progress that has been made has been along the line of improvement of our halls—we have already spent a good deal of money in making our halls handsome and comfortable, and by the time we have finished expect to have one of the most attractive fraternity homes in the South. Especial credit for this work is due to Brother C. R. Burnett, who although not now a student takes active part in our work, and as Chairman of our Improvement Committee has accomplished wonders, considering the obstacles that had to be overcome and the improvements that have been made.

The fraternities at Richmond College have heretofore been nothing if not exclusive. Seldom, if ever before, have the members of any fraternity here seen the interior of another's halls, and the different "sets" have, as a general statement, remained to themselves. This condition of affairs, to a certain extent, we think ought to be encouraged, as it promotes the internal growth of chapters and cultivates that regard for secrecy without which no chapter can maintain a successful existence.

But Eta has for some time noticed that this spirit of exclusiveness was fast becoming so manifest that it foreboded intolerance, and on the 14th of June she threw her doors open to her members and invited guests, among whom were representative mem-

bers of all the other fraternities and the faculty. The evening was spent in rare enjoyment; the supper was all that could be required on such an occasion; our new and beautifully-finished and decorated hall was resplendent under the influence of our lovely chandeliers and softly glowing lamps; the fair creatures who favored the sterner sex with their sweet smiles and winning ways were in their jolliest mood and looked their prettiest; and the merry movements of dancing feet kept time with soul-subduing music till a late hour. We expect to see much good resulting from this well-directed effort to break down the granite wall of exclusiveness that has for so long a time separated the fraternities of our college.

We congratulate the JOURNAL on the matter-of-fact nature of the contributions this year, which have been so largely the work of our esteemed and efficient general officers. The fraternity needed just such a stirring up as has been administered, and has been, we trust, prepared for the work of the convention, which meets with us in September. We trust there will be a large representation present, and hope and believe the work of the convention will be the most successful ever accomplished. Our literary efforts in chapter meetings during the session just closed have been along practical lines also, and we have endeavored to become better acquainted with the extent, influence, ability, and needs of the entire Order. We trust next session our chapter, as well as the JOURNAL, will have more time and space for the cultivation of the æsthetic and social parts of our natures.

There are a great many other things that we might say, but I have already taken up too much space, and the weather is oppressive as I write and probably will be when you read. We will be full of talk and enthusiasm and *business* though, as we hope all the delegates will be at the convention, September 13th.

Our officers elected in April are: (1), H. L. Norfleet; (2), J. H. Franklin; (3), N. S. Bowe; (4), C. M. Cooke, Jr.; (5), J. A. Turner; (6), W. D. Duke; (7), Russell Acree; (8), E. M. Pilcher; (9), M. E. Cocke.

THETA.

STATE COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY.

This is the first letter of the new C. S. to the JOURNAL and he hopes that he will not be too harshly criticised.

Summer is now upon us and after nine months of unrequited toil (1) we feel free once more. This being the midsummer number of the JOURNAL it seems to us that it would be a good plan to make a review of the history of Theta Chapter.

Theta was chartered February 21, 1893. The first initiate R. C. Stoll was initiated by Alpha-Theta January 1, 1893; about three weeks after, February 12, Brothers Willis Shackelford and Van Meter were initiated. February 17 Brothers Gunn, Bush, and Spear became Kappa Alphas. These seven men were granted a charter and Theta Chapter became a thing of reality. These elected officers and were soon in good running order. With a large field to pick from, having but one rival, Sigma Chi, she increased her number until she has twenty-six members, twelve of whom will be back next year.

As was seen in the last JOURNAL Theta entertained the visiting chapter of Omega. She intends to entertain them again, not in the same manner, but in quite a different way. The Kentucky Chautauqua and Assembly meets at Lexington June 27-July 11 inclusive. Theta has rented a tent and all good Kappa Alphas will have a place to rest in. It will be fixed up in the Kappa Alpha colors and I can assure all the Kappa Alpha fraternity that it will not be lacking.

At the Chautauqua Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest Brother D. P. Smith will represent the State College. He is a very able orator and we think him the winner.

Theta while she does not pride herself upon her athletic members has been well up this year in athletics; she had four members of the football team and one, the second baseman, on the baseball team, Brother Spears. He will also play in the Lexington baseball team. Brothers Wallace and Boswell of Alpha Theta also play on the Lexington team, Wallace being captain. On College Field Day, among a field of starters in the mile race, she had three representatives who ran first, second, and third. In the half and quarter mile races she was second, while on the tug of war, Theta had two men on the winning team. In the relay race Theta had one representative who, besides being on the winning team, made the second best time. The presidents of the two literary societies are Kappa Alphas, Brothers P. T. Murrell and R. C. Stoll.

On February 22, at the celebration of Washington's birthday by the literary societies, all four college men on the programme were Kappa Alphas. At the opening session May 19 we had one, and on the following Friday night we had two men on the programme. We have won fifty-six honors at college of which I can now think. We feel quite proud of our success and we are sure that Theta will not be behind the other chapters in anything.

We are sorry to lose five men this year. They graduated June 1. Brothers H. M. Gunn, B. G. Willis, and D. P. Smith receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science, while Brothers W. S. Railey, and Milford White received the Civil Engineer's degree. But they did not graduate without heaping honor upon Kappa Alpha. Brother Smith was class president, Willis, class orator, White, honorable mention in mathematics, Smith, honors in entomology.

I do not know what Brother Willis will do, but I think he will study law. Brother Gunn will either take charge of a school in the country or go to Johns Hopkins and take a university course. Brother Smith will probably make a speciality of entomology. Brother Railey will go on a civil engineering corps, while Brother White has the Chair of Mathematics at Williamsburg College. We wish them success and only hope that they will be as successful in after life as they have been at college.

Our football team and baseball team were not as good as usual the past year. The football team played six games, winning three. The baseball team played four colleges, teams, winning two.

On Intercollegiate Field Day held here at Lexington May 30, she made a very creditable showing. Out of four contesting colleges State College was second; the number of points gained by each college is as follows: Central University, 54; State College, 26; Centre College, 17; Georgetown College, 2. State College feels proud of herself, for being without a gymnasium or trainer she came second among colleges which have both.

We are happy to introduce to the fraternity Prof. J. W. Pryor and J. W. Newman, and Brothers S. H. Lewis, of Lexington, Ky., and H. H. Hill, of Andover, Mass., all excellent men and we know that they will make good Kappa Alphas.

Brother Lucien P. Beckner has been transferred from Omega. Brother Beckner is credited with knowing more about fraternities in general than any college boy in the State of Kentucky. Theta, young as she is, is very fortunate in having Brother Beckner's name upon her rolls and cordially welcomes Choctaw within her walls.

In reading letters from other chapters it seems to me that they think that they are the only chapters who have lady friends, but they are mistaken. Among our friends is a young lady, the daughter of a Beta Theta Pi professor at college, who is as true

a Kappy Alpha as is to be found. She is as true as she is beautiful, and that is saying a great deal.

Miss Kate Adams, another beautiful and true Kappa Alpha girl, graduated at college this year, taking the degree A.B. and second honors. But for her sex the probability is that she would have had first. Theta presented her with a Kappa Alpha badge done in Marechal Neils and American Beauties bordered with smilax and immortelles. The design was four feet high.

At the last regular meeting the following officers were elected to serve during the term 1893-94: P. T. Murrell (1), Ed. Brand (2), H. H. Hill (3), H. S. Bush (4), L. P. Shackelford (5), R. C. Stoll (6), L. P. Beckner (7), Thomas Gunn (8), N. A. Garred (9).

We had a larger attendance at college this year than usual about 700 in all departments. Included in this numbers are 125 women. There are nine different courses leading to as many different degrees. The faculty is composed of thirty-one professors and instructors, and one or two more will be added next year. There are five buildings and more are to be erected in the near future. We have a fine school, in fact, the largest and best equipped in the State.

Among the visitors at our tent was Brother Turner, of Louisville. He is a fine man, having gotten the A.M. degree at Centre this year.

In this letter Theta wants to mention E. J. Green of Kappa Chapter. He has done more for Kappa Alpha than any man in Lexington. He was elected president of the Kappa Alpha Alumni Association of Kentucky. I do not think that the association has ever been organized, but with Brother Green at the head it can do nothing but succeed. Brother Green is a lawyer of Lexington.

KAPPA.

MERCER UNIVERSITY.

He who pens this letter now no longer is haunted by the fearful thought, "To-morrow's lessons are unprepared," nor is he on his "p's" and "q's" in readiness to lift his hat to professors who might chance to go his way. No "visions of the morrow's strife" fill his breast, but instead the happy thought that the session of '92-'93 is part of the things that were. The old college campus and her buildings no longer meet his eye, but his heart is made glad by the sight of home, its inmates, and the familiar scenes of his childhood.

Commencement has come and gone. Six of us had been awarded speakers' places, who did our best for Kappa Alpha.

The degree of A.B. was conferred upon Brother Jelks, our only member who graduated this year. Brother Powell, who had led his class ever since he entered, won the Junior Mathematics medal.

A number of our alumni brothers were with us during the festivities. We were, of course, glad to see them and have them with us.

The Board of Trustees, of which body Brother A. B. Vaughn, of the Class of '78, is an influential member, have given Mercer an almost entirely new faculty. Profs. Tichenor and Murray, who have been connected with the University only a year, were the only members of last year's faculty who will be with us next year. While we regret exceedingly that Brother Robert L. Ryals, who for the past several years has filled so acceptably the Chair of Mathematics, has declined a re-election, and consequently will not be with us in the future.

We congratulate ourselves that Brother E. T. Holmes (ex 2), Class of '92, will have charge of the Preparatory Department of the University. Brother Holmes has just reached his majority, and for the faculty to tender this responsible position to so young a man, particularly when he did not apply for it, is quite an honor.

Since our last letter another name has been added to Kappa's roll, another worthy man from the weary world without has been initiated into our mysteries, and him who a short time ago was a stranger to us, we now delight to call Brother John Thomas Alsop, Jr., whom we adorned with the badge of membership, one ever to be remembered night in April. This brother's family reside in Lumber City, Ga., and he enters Mercer University from Antioch College, Ohio, which he has attended for two years past. Brother Alsop's fine qualities need not here be enumerated; suffice to say, his are above the common lot of man.

Brother W. E. Small (1) with Brother J. W. Grice, as alternate, was recently elected Kappa's delegate to the biennial convention which meets in Richmond in September.

The thoughtful brother's query in the last issue of the JOURNAL relative to the publishing in the JOURNAL the initial letters of our officers, is a very proper question to ask, and we of Kappa think it decidedly the better plan to designate the officers by the number of their rank. The names of our chapter officers we believe should be kept secret.

The news of the chartering of Theta Chapter at the Kentucky State College, was a pleasant surprise to us here, and the glad tidings were hailed with delight. We welcome her to the fold.

At the last election four of the *Mephistophelean's* editors chosen were Kappa Alphas, which goes to show how real worth is recognized.

Kappa would here acknowledge receipt of an invitation to be present at the annual banquet given by Alpha-Iota, for which we thank her, and regret our inability to be in body with our brothers on that festive occasion.

The approximate numerical standing of the different fraternities represented at Mercer at the beginning of next session will be as follows: Kappa Sigma, 4; Sigma Nu, 6; Alpha Tau Omega, 6; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 8; Phi Delta Theta, 10; Kappa Alpha, 10.

The words of some scribe in the last issue of the JOURNAL: "As an abstract statement, 'Kappa Alphas should wear their own badges' sounds all right, but we can't put it into practice worth a cent" expresses our sentiments exactly. We find it the most difficult thing in the world to keep our badges in the chapter. Recently one of our boys wished a badge to have his "beauty struck" with and there really was not a badge in the chapter. By way of explanation, we would state that most of our badges are worn by Wesleyan's fair girls, and any one viewing this pretty line as it marches to and from church, can accurately surmise our social standing by the girls who wear our badges.

One word as to the general standing of Kappa Alpha at this institution. The records of the college will show that Kappa Alpha has won more honors since her banner was given to the breeze here than any other fraternity. Our number of annual debaters and anniversarians will compare most favorably with that of any other fraternity. In athletics we have the manager of the baseball and captain of the football teams with several men on each. We take especial pride in our social standing. We number our young lady friends by the score, all of whom are partial to K. A.

Our tennis courts every afternoon this spring have been the delightful trysting place where we met our friends of the gentler sex to spend a pleasant hour or so.

With greetings to our sister chapters, let this close in giving vent to our enthusiasm with the accustomed

'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah!
Kappa—Alpha,
Kap-pa—Chap-ter,
'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah!

LAMBDA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

It almost goes without saying that at this season of the year baseball is the all-absorbing topic. Our team for '93 is an unusually good one and has already played some very interesting games and made some scores of which we are justly proud. Yale has played against us twice, winning an easy victory each time. But we comfort ourselves, if it can be called comfort, that it was our own bad playing rather than the good work of our opponents which gave them the victory. In the game with Harvard, the score was 1 to 1, and the score showed more base hits and fewer errors for the Southern players. Recently we defeated the University of Vermont, and were in turn defeated by them in a second game. Our team has dates fixed with the Boston League and other teams, and we hope to make a good showing at the Southern Intercollegiate contest.

Kappa Alpha is represented on the team by two men, Brothers Watts and Stone, both of whom do excellent work as fielders, and both of whom were on the team of '92.

In the last issue of the JOURNAL we stated that the political fight over the final presidency of the Jefferson Literary Society, which is generally considered the highest honor in the University, and which had excited more interest than usual this year because of certain measures adopted by one of the parties, was the principal subject of interest with us, as Brother Cannon was a candidate for the office in opposition to Mr. McGuire, a D. K. E. The measures adopted in the fight aroused so much bitterness that it was decided to leave the question as to whether the party was morally justifiable in adopting such measures, to arbitrators, on condition that the party against whom the decision was made should withdraw its candidate. The decision went against us and hence Brother Cannon was withdrawn and Mr. McGuire elected to the office.

Though defeated here yet we have succeeded in more than one other particular since our last letter. In the oratorical contest of the Jefferson Society, a few nights ago, Brother Martin succeeded in carrying off the prize, a gold medal of about \$50 value.

At the spring initiation of the Eli Banana, one of the most influential of the many social clubs here, Brother Moore had the honor of being one of the four initiates, and Brother Southgate was one of those initiated into the Minor Chapter of the legal fraternity Phi Delta Phi, at their last meeting.

A new medical fraternity, corresponding somewhat to the Phi Delta Phi has been recently organized here. Brother Moore has the honor of being one of its founders. The fraternity goes under the name of Pi Mu, and its badge consists of a red cross with the skull and crossbones.

On last Friday, April 7, Brothers Moore, Carson and Davis attended the german given by Alpha Chapter, at Lexington. We cannot hope to express here our appreciation of the many courtesies shown us by the members of our sister chapter, nor the amount of pleasure and enjoyment which we derived from the trip. The german was an unusually pretty one, and late in the evening a supper was served which was by no means unacceptable. The dancing was kept up until 3.30 A.M.—a strong proof in itself that the affair was a success. Solid silver souvenirs were presented to all the ladies—and the badge (old gold and crimson ribbons), bore the legend, "K. A. german, April 7, 1893." We left Lexington on the early morning train, regretting that our work at the University would not permit us to lengthen a visit which had proved even more delightful than we had anticipated. Lambda can only hope that at some time in the future she may be able to receive and entertain the members of her sister chapter in a manner which shall prove as pleasant to them as was the Kappa Alpha german at Lexington to the fortunate three who were able to attend it.

In conclusion of my already too lengthy letter, I would say that we are much interested in the meeting of the next convention and will have a delegate present to represent us. We are strongly in favor of Richmond, Va., as a place of meeting for many reasons, and we will be glad to do anything in our power to help on the work of the officers in perfecting arrangements for entertaining the delegates. As for the time for meeting we have little choice though we would prefer September as the time for the next convention.

Lambda takes this occasion to express her regret at the loss of three of her members. Brother Parrish withdrew from the University about a month ago and is now attending lectures at the medical school of the University of Vermont. Brother Ro-

mero left us for a pleasure trip to Paris, where he will stay some time; and Brother Chancellor left to accompany his father, Dr. Chancellor, of Baltimore, who was appointed United States Consul to Havre.

MU.

ERSKINE COLLEGE.

Just a few days before college closed John Todd Young, of Due West, S. C., was initiated into the mysteries of Kappa Alpha. Mr. Young is a rising Sophomore and was asked to join us the first of the year, but owing to some temporary barriers he was hindered at that time.

Commencement was not very largely attended this year. The exercises were held in our new auditorium, which has a seating capacity of 2,500. John H. Miller, Esq., of Birmingham, Ala., was the anniversary orator. Mu sent out two B.A. graduates this year, Brothers Kennedy and Bell. Brother Bell was first honor graduate and first speaker on commencement day. We wish both of these young brothers unbounded success in their chosen professions.

Brother Kennedy was the eloquent Senior orator of the Euphemian Society. His speech was highly complimented by the public generally. Brother Kennedy was also our representative at the S. A. E. banquet during commencement. The "Kappa Alpha" girls all say he covered himself all over with glory while he paid a glowing tribute to Mu and the Kappa Alpha Order.

Brother McDill was a marshal on commencement day and received honorable mention in his society for essay writing.

The latest thing in Due West is young ladies' fraternities, three having been organized recently at the female college. The girls of Pi Alpha Mu gave the "K. A.'s" and S. A. E.'s a grand reception a few days before commencement. We will always remember this occasion with pleasure.

The Board of Trustees of Erskine have recently opened war on the fraternities. They requested us at the close of college "to disband and save trouble." Just yet we don't know what the result will be, but we have learned that they are determined to exterminate both K. A.'s and S. A. E.'s at any cost. They accuse us of breaking up the literary societies and being the source of all the mischief done in the college. We cannot tell what plans they will take to put us out, but we will stand by our chapter, let come what may.

Brother E. B. Kennedy has been elected to the Chair of Greek and German in Erskine.

Brother J. D. McNeel, of Rho, who filled the Chair of Physical Science so acceptably in Erskine the past year, will go to Germany in the fall to complete his studies.

I would like to hear from the Western delegates who will go by Atlanta and Piedmont Air Line to the convention in Richmond. I wish to meet you all in Charlotte on the way. My present address is Hickory Grove, S. C.

We wish all the boys a most pleasant vacation.

NU.

A. AND M. COLLEGE.

Nu sends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes for them a pleasant vacation.

This year has been a happy one for the boys at Nu. There has existed among us, if possible, stronger ties of friendship than usual. Our chapter has been very much like a family. In our work of preserving and up-building the reputation of Kappa Alpha we have had the united efforts of every member, and we can truly say that something has been accomplished for that end. We do not believe in "blowing our own horn" too much, but we are confronted with the fact that our boys have conducted themselves in a manner that has reflected a great deal of credit and honor among themselves, upon us, and upon our fraternity at large.

At the beginning of the academic year all of our old men and some of our new members were given offices in the corps of cadets. No other fraternity here can say this of themselves. The following officers were Kappa Alphas: Senior captain, three first lieutenants (including adjutant), four sergeants (including sergeant-major), and four corporals.

All of our boys have taken good stands in their classes. Brothers Webb and Bivens were honor graduates, and led their classes in all their studies.

On May 1 we were represented on the Sophomore's speakers list by Brothers Fulghum and Burr. On Commencement Day, our representatives were Brothers Webb and Bivens.

We have also taken a stand socially.

We gave a picnic on April 15, which was a marked success in every way. We made all preparations to give a banquet during the Commencement, but we abandoned it on account of the death of Dr. Lupton, Professor of Chemistry.

Our college closed for vacation on June 14. We lose by grad-

uation four men, viz.; J. F. Webb, of Kellyton, Ala.; Joel Dumas, of Arlington, Ala.; R. L. G. Bivens, of Auburn, Ala., and L. S. Smith, of Rome, Ga. All of these men have been a great help to us, and have won many honors for us. Brothers Dumas and Smith have been mentioned time and again in these letters to the JOURNAL as true and honorable Kappa Alphas. For this reason we shall not make further mention of them. They will engage in business in their respective homes.

Much remains to be said of Brothers Webb and Bivens. They are both honorable and upright young men, and would be an honor to any organization. Brother Webb lead the Class of '93 and Brother Bivens was second man. Brother Bivens lead his class in his course. They have been given scholarships, and we sincerely hope to see them back in college next year.

We elected our delegate to the Biennial Convention some time ago. We appointed a standing committee to discuss with our delegate topics that would be likely to come before the convention. We are anxious for the convention to be a great success in every respect.

It is with a feeling of sadness that we chronicle the death of Dr. Lupton, Prof. of Chemistry in our college. He was a man of wide reputation. He was eminent in his profession. In his death our college sustains a severe loss. All Commencement entertainments were abandoned, and the exercises cut as short as possible on account of his death. The regular Commencement exercises, which were not abandoned, were a complete success and were attended by large audiences.

Brother J. W. Morgan, of Florence, Ala., was elected to be the next alumni orator.

The numerical standing of the different fraternities here in the various classes is as follows:

	Post Grad'es.	Class of '93.	Class of '94.	Class of '95.	Class of '96.	Spec'l Stu'ts
S. A. E.....	2	7	2	4	3	1
Phi.....	2	5	7	3	7	5
Sigma Nu.....	1	1	5	1	1	2
A. T. O.....	1	3	2	3	2	4
K. A.....	2	4	4	6	3	..

In addition to the above table it may be added that there is our Alpha Tau Omega in the sub-college department, and there is our D. K. E. in college.

We are on very friendly terms with all the fraternities here.

In conclusion, let us again express our wish that we may all

have a pleasant vacation. We hope that next year will find a goodly number of us at our respective posts engaged in doing all we can for Kappa Alpha.

XI.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The past year has been one of sweeping triumph for Kappa Alpha at old Southwestern. We are glad to report progress along all lines, as follows: We secured during the past year three splendid men in Brothers Will C. Hogg, A. J. Kincannon, and R. C. Armstrong, in addition to your correspondent, who was also initiated into the mysteries of Kappa Alpha during the year just closed.

Besides numerous honors taken during the year, already reported, Kappa Alpha took the following commencement honors: Brother John L. Brooks, who for four years has gathered so many laurels for Kappa Alpha, and who was our (1), this year tied George W. Graves, of the Phi Delta Theta, for the highest honors and the position of Valedictorian of the Graduating Class; Brother H. E. Jackson, Brother Brooks' copartner in many a hard-won victory, received second honor and Salutatory of the class, while Brother H. A. Boaz, who returns next year for his Master's Degree, took the Senior Orator's Medal. Brother E. M. Sweet, Jr., took the Sophomore and Junior English Essay Medal, while your humble scribe received the Junior Orator's Medal.

Kappa Alpha still holds her wonted prestige in scholarship at Southwestern, having this year scored the highest general average of scholarship and distinctions in the history of the institution, as set forth in the following figures from the final examination and "Blue List:"

Fraternity.	No. of Men.	No. of Distinctions.	Gen'l Av.
Kappa Alpha.....	12	66	5 1-2
Kappa Sigma.....	11	59	5 4-11
Phi Delta Theta.....	10	46	4 3-5

General average in scholarship of the first and second honor men for the final term:

First honor: { Brooks, Kappa Alpha, No. studies 9, gen'l av. 99.
Graves, Phi Delta Theta, No. of studies 6, gen'l average 99.

Second honor: { H. E. Jackson, Kappa Alpha, No. of studies 6, gen'l average 99.

We now gladly break to our brethren the "gladsome bit of news" mentioned some months since: We have raised \$800 to-

wards a \$1,000 chapter house to be built on the university campus in October or November next. Any assistance from sympathizing Kappa Alphas will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Xi Chapter, which is exerting every energy in her power.

Brother John L. Brooks will represent us at our next convention. We favor the modification of the "new law" regarding charter granting, having observed the unsatisfactory results of its workings in our own State.

The most happy relations of harmony and generous emulation exist among the Greeks at Southwestern, largely due to the vigorous antagonism to fraternities by the "Alpha Omegas" and the "N. B. of B.;" or, in common parlance, the "Nether Base of the Barbs." For the first time Greeks are uniting with Greeks for mutual protection and acknowledgment of merit and more generous relations. The honor of the inception of this happy state of affairs is largely due to our friends of Phi Delta Theta.

Our final banquet, kindly tendered us by "sister" Stella Snyder, and graced with the presence of some score of Texas' fairest and brightest daughters, was a fitting close to this, our year of triumph.

PI.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

All the examinations are now over, and commencement week has just begun, and I take this opportunity of writing my first letter to the JOURNAL.

Pi chapter was reorganized here at the beginning of last April, three men being initiated on the third and four on the fourth by Brother Blanton, of Upsilon, and Brother McBryde, of Rho. The former came down especially for the occasion, while the latter is chemist in the State experiment station here. He is of great assistance to the new chapter as all the members are novices and find his advice extremely valuable. He attends all our meetings taking as much interest in the chapter as if he were an active member.

After having made fruitless inquiries as to the fate of the old charter we decided to ask for a new one so that we might have one to start under next year. We received it a few days ago.

I might say that since the reorganization of Pi, one of its members has won the essayist medal in the annual contest, in one of the two literary societies here.

Of our seven active members, although two of them graduate this year, it is probable that five will be back next, which will give us a good start for the second year of our existence.

Since our organization we have received letters from various chapters welcoming us into the order, for which I here desire to express our thanks.

And now, wishing every Kappa Alpha a very pleasant vacation, I will close my first letter.

PHI.**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.**

The history of our chapter during the past two months has not been uneventful.

On Friday night, June 9, we held our annual banquet at the residence of Hon. and Mrs. J. H. Y. Webb.

It was a most enjoyable affair and was greatly praised by all who participated.

Mrs. W. B. Inge, who assisted us in serving it, will ever occupy our hearts for her untiring efforts in our behalf.

We were greatly delighted to have Brothers Wilkinson, Terrel and Gregory with us.

On Tuesday night, June 12, Brother G. C. Ellis and "ye scribe," were participants in the oratorical contest between the two literary societies. Although neither won the medal yet we did our best. An A. T. O. was the victor.

Brothers Cocke, Beard and Acton were three of the sophomore declaimers, but failed to receive the medal.

We are sorry that our session's work has been finished for we have had a prosperous and pleasant chapter life and we sincerely regret that we will lose several of our most worthy knights.

Yet with the proper effort we have no fear for the future welfare of Phi.

With best wishes for our sister chapters, we close.

CHI.**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.**

The year 1892-93, with its pains and its pleasures, its joys and its disappointments, its defeats and its victories, has come and vanished and can now be looked upon by the members of Chi Chapter only with a feeling of mingled pride and regret; the former because they can look back with anything but shame upon their achievements during that period, and the latter be-

cause of the necessity of breaking up that fraternal intercourse which, with them, was so pleasant. It gives us great pleasure, though, to note that, probably without a single exception, all of our number will return to the university in September, and this fact, together with our otherwise bright prospects, encourages us very much indeed.

On the night of June 17th Chi Chapter, together with the city alumni, had the great honor of banqueting our founder and ex-K. C., Brother Horace H. White. Brother Keeble was toastmaster of the occasion, and several toasts were heartily responded to, making the event one long to be remembered by the younger members present who were not already acquainted with the early history of the chapter. Brother White remained over with us during the commencement exercises, and when he left most certainly carried with him the good wishes of all who met him, and leaving with us much wise counsel which, we are sure, will aid us greatly in our future chapter life. We hope that before many months Brother White will see fit to give us another such visit.

Another of our visitors since our last writing was Brother Bradford Knapp (B.S. '92), who came up from his home in Louisiana to be present at our Field Day exercises. Of course it is unnecessary to state that we were delighted to see him, and enjoyed his visit to us "hugely." Brother Knapp is now Superintendent of the Tesh Railroad and Sugar Company (limited) of Lake Charles, La., and seems to have made good use of his first year of active life in business.

Still another of our visitors during commencement was Brother R. W. Davis (B.A. '92), now book-keeper for the First National Bank of Weatherford, Texas. His visit also was very much enjoyed.

In taking off the honors at Vanderbilt this year Kappa Alpha was not without her usual large share, about every Kappa Alpha contestant winning the honor tried for. Brother S. J. Rucker had no trouble in taking off the Founder's Medal for Oratory on the night of May 27th, and Brother Prince Hawkins won one of the two scholarships offered in the Law Department. In the athletic line Brother Bland was elected manager of the football team for next year, and on Field Day Brother Ratcliffe broke his former record and won the medal for the high jump.

Only one of our number applied for a degree this year. Brother Thomas H. Malone (B.A. '92) took the degree of Master



of Arts, but, we are glad to say, will be with us again next year to take a course in law.

Brothers R. W. Davis, C. C. Washburn, L. A. Davis, Prince Hawkins, and J. Granbery Jackson spent the ten days immediately succeeding commencement very pleasantly together in taking in Chicago and the World's Fair. They had the pleasure while there of meeting with several Kappa Alphas from other chapters, had otherwise, of course, a very enjoyable time.

Perhaps it will not be out of place to append a list of the Kappa Alphas at Vanderbilt this year, with their present address. Out of this number Brother Dennis has been chosen to represent us in Richmond at the Biennial Convention, and we are sure he will do so with credit both to himself and to his chapter. The list is as follows:

Name.	Present Address.
Thomas H. Malone.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Samuel K. Bland.....	Franklin, Ky.
Harry L. Seay.....	Gallatin, Tenn.
J. Granbery Jackson.....	Mount Pleasant, Tenn.
Louis A. Davis.....	Weatherford, Texas.
Edward C. Dennis.....	Bishopville, S. C.
Cummins Ratcliffe.....	Little Rock, Ark.
Andrew M. Ballentine.....	Pulaski, Tenn.
Prince A. Hawkins.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Bert E. Young.....	Louisville, Ky.
Lucius E. Burch.....	Nashville, Tenn.
John A. Pharr.....	Berwick, La.
H. N. Pharr.....	Berwick, La.
James A. McVoy.....	Mansfield, La.
Clyde B. Garrett.....	Elgin, Texas.
Charles C. Washburn.....	Covington, Ky.
Samuel J. Rucker.....	Robinson, Texas.

The numerical status of the fraternities at Vanderbilt for the past year, in the order of their establishment, is as follows: Phi Delta Theta, 24; Kappa Alpha, 17; Chi Phi, 15; Beta Theta Pi, 15; Kappa Sigma, 17; Delta Tau Delta, 4; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 18; Alpha Tau Omega, 13; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 26; Sigma Chi, 15; and Sigma Nu, 17.

The coming session will mark the beginning of a new era in the life of Vanderbilt, caused by the recent election and installation of Dr. James H. Kirkland as Chancellor, *vice* Dr. L. C. Garland, resigned. Dr. Kirkland has for some time been Professor of Latin in the university, and has won the esteem and admiration of everyone in the institution, and we do not doubt that

under his wise leadership Vanderbilt will continue to make her name more and more famous as the years go by.

Hoping for all a vacation running over with pleasure, we beg leave to discontinue our connection with the JOURNAL until autumn.

PSI.

TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Psi once more proceeds to give an account of herself to the fraternity through the medium of the JOURNAL.

Our chapter life has pursued the even tenor of its way with nothing to disturb its harmonious workings. Our financial status has not been of the best, but the stringency in the money market seems to be general. During the latter part of April we had the pleasure of meeting the members of Alpha Gamma chapter.

The occasion was the annual field day of the Louisiana State University. A delegation of the Tulane boys went up to Baton Rouge to cheer their baseball team to victory. There was all the cheering that was necessary, but alas! we came out second best.

Some six or seven of the Kappa Alpha boys went to Baton Rouge and came back with glowing reports of the royal welcome they had received at the hands of their brethren in Kappa Alpha. One of our boys, on returning home, expressed himself as follows, "I met nearly all the girls in the city and all were staunch Kappa Alphas."

Your scribe was instructed to express to them the thanks of Psi for the many courtesies extended to her representatives.

At a called meeting held lately Brother Mercer W. Patton was elected to represent the chapter at the convention in September. Brother Patton is an alumnus of Psi, but still takes an interest in her welfare.

The Tulane commencement came off with all the *eclat* and pomp possible, on June 17. While we had no orators we were noticeable in every other line. Brothers Bradley and Favrot held positions on the invitation and reception committees.

Brother Backus received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Brother Wm. von Phul that of Mechanical Engineer. This is the first time that the latter degree has ever been given at Tulane. Brother Conrad received a diploma for special post-graduate work in electrical engineering. In the medical department Brothers Laudry and Archmard were our only graduates,

Brother Archmard graduating *summa cum laude*. The representatives of Psi in the law school were Brothers O. H. Simpson and P. A. Sompayrac.

And thus Kappa Alpha was seen to advantage in all branches of Tulane.

Our prospects for next year are very good. Out of a membership of twenty-one, seven graduated; and of the fourteen remaining at least twelve will be back next year.

We intend next year to rent rooms in some desirable location and furnish them ourselves, so that we may have a place to which we may invite our friends and visiting brothers. During the past year we have dwelt in the building of one of the city's secret orders, where it was not always convenient to receive visitors.

Our relations with the other fraternities have been the most pleasant, especially so with Kappa Sigma. Although averse to individual praise I would like to return thanks on behalf of the chapter to Brother Favrot for his untiring zeal and never flagging devotion for the chapter's and members' interest.

In conclusion I cannot forbear thanking our Kappa Alpha girls for their smiles and words of encouragement. Their loyalty has never wavered.

"All's well that ends well," so we close with best wishes for the next fraternity year.

OMEGA.

CENTRE COLLEGE.

The usual graduating exercises of our college are over and Kappa Alpha's representation have acquitted themselves with honor, reflecting credit upon our Order.

Brothers Brown and Hudson have graduated with excellent stands in their class. We hope that their careers in life will be as successful as that of their college days, and while they are not intimately connected with fraternity life, that they will always maintain a true regard for our Order, and especially for Omega of 1892-93, with which they have been so closely connected.

At the recent Field Day exercises at Lexington Brothers Woodard and Starling carried off the honors among the fraternity men of Center, each receiving handsome medals, taking more points than any other fraternity at Center.

The coming year promises to be the most prosperous that Kappa Alpha has ever had in our State. She is now, without

doubt, the strongest fraternity in the "Blue Grass," and with a few more months to the age of our chapters at Lexington she will stand without a rival.

Omega regrets to state that Mr. Lucien Beckner has left Omega and is now enrolled at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of this State. Mr. Beckner has been connected with our chapter for the past three years, and a more earnest worker, influential member, a more respected and honored man by his associates. Omega has never had.

Hoping that the fraternity will enjoy her vacation, and with the best of wishes to the officers of 1892-93, we close.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Once more is it our pleasant duty to let our brethren know how the world has been treating us for the past two months. While most of our brothers of other chapters are now looking forward to vacation, the boys of Alpha-Alpha are in the midst of their term's work with no prospect of any let or hindrance to the same before the few days' recess that comes the first week in August. But when winter comes we shall be able to crow over our less fortunate brothers, for from Christmas to March while they will be hard at work, we shall be enjoying our holidays and reveling in the joys of our winter vacation. That winter is not due, however, for some months yet, we must reluctantly admit.

At our meeting held April 4, we held our annual election of officers, resulting as follows: (1), Brother Morehouse; (2), Brother Constant; (3), Brother Hodgson; (4), Brother Howard; (5), Brother Northrop; (6), Brother Berghaus; (7), Brother Berghaus; (8), Brother Craighill; (9), Brother Howard. The majority of last year's officers were re-elected.

Among the honors we have to record for Kappa Alpha we have the pleasure of noting that Brother Constant has been elected president of the Junior German Club. Brother Gresham, too, has been honored by the historic Pi Omega Literary Society in his election to the office of critic. We trust that Brother Gresham may long continue to criticise to his heart's content and to the mutual edification of himself and Pi Omega.

We are happy to be able to state that Brother Northrop is rapidly recovering from the injuries he received in the disastrous railway accident which occurred on Easter Sunday. He has been disabled for over a month and has borne his sufferings with remarkable fortitude. We are very thankful for his recov-

ery, and for the fact that he will not be permanently maimed or disfigured, as the result of his terrible experience.

We are sorry to say that previous to this term we have not had a creditable chapter "yell." We all realized this. We wanted people to realize forcibly that there is a chapter of Kappa Alpha on the mountain. We sometimes thought that they did not realize it fully, but we don't think so now, for if there's anything on the hill that can drown our

"Rah, rah, rah! Rah, rah, ray!
What's the matter with old K. A?
Viva la! Viva la! Viva la! Ray!
Kappa Alpha! Rah, rah, ray!!!"

Why, we would like to hear it, very much indeed.

On the night of June 2 we had abundant opportunity and cause for giving utterance to our enthusiasm by this and every other means in our power, for that night, we are proud to say, witnessed the initiation of Brothers N. C. and J. S. Lanier into the sacred mysteries of Kappa Alpha. These new brothers are from New Orleans, so once more are we most happily reminded of the debt of gratitude we owe Louisiana—the State which has ever led the noblest of her sons to the shrine of our most glorious Order.

Early in the term we had the misfortune to lose from our number Brother William H. Graham, Professor of Finance and Economy in the university. Brother Graham, much to our sorrow, severed his connection with the university shortly after the Lent term opened. He goes to Richmond, Va., where, we understand, he is interested in the insurance business.

By some strange chance, Alpha-Alpha had no chapter letter in the February number of the JOURNAL, and to this omission it is due that no mention has heretofore been made of the initiations of Brothers Robert Burbank Hicks, of Henderson, Ky., and Thomas McCaa Dozier, of Cedar Key, Fla., which happy events took place on December 13 and 14 respectively.

We have, of late, been improving our chapter house to considerable extent. Some handsome new pieces of furniture, including a piano, have been procured and our long-talked-of plans for enlarging our chapter house are finally assuming a definite shape and we will shortly be proprietors of the largest, most handsomely furnished, and altogether the most attractive chapter house at Sewanee. At present our chapter is in a healthier condition than ever before. Kappa Alpha is nineteen

strong on the mountain, and of these seventeen are active members of Alpha-Alfa Chapter. The tenth anniversary of the chapter's foundation is fast approaching and we are sure that this occasion will be long remembered as marking an epoch of the greatest prosperity and success.

On Tuesday, May 9, the chapter was treated to a most generous banquet, which—need we say—was immensely enjoyed by all. For this feast of good things we are indebted to our loyal sisters, Mrs. and Miss Morehouse, of Milwaukee, who have, for the past few weeks, been honoring the mountain by their presence. We hope they will accept our warmest thanks for their kind generosity. We must also express our hearty thanks owed to Brothers Nicholls and Hamilton for the much enjoyed supper they gave us at the initiation of Brothers Lanier.

This epistle would be incomplete without some mention of the affection Brother Robinson has lately acquired for the university chapel. 'Tis with pleasure deeply felt that we record this. Brother Robinson's devotion is a cause of much comfort to the other theological members of the chapter.

While not wishing to appear too boastful, we feel that we cannot conclude this chapter letter without making some mention of Sewanee's splendid record in baseball for the season just closed. We would like to add, too, that we intend to do even better in football, and are confident of making our record for the coming season even more brilliant than that for last fall, inasmuch as we propose to win the championship of the South in the coming contest.

With best wishes to all for a very happy vacation, we close.

ALPHA-BETA.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

"The melancholy days have truly come," and have as truly gone. School has closed, commencement is over, scholars have departed for their much-needed recreation, and now the buildings alone remain, grim sentinels, as reminders of by-gone days. 'Twas indeed sad that we, as a school, should part, but graver still was the reality that Alpha-Beta as a chapter should, after so many days of fraternal unity, fraught only with brotherly love and trust, be only as the broken clasp which has bound together volumes of friendly associations and cordialities. Some of our members will not, others may not, return and to say "good-bye" under these circumstances to boys who "to know are to love, to name, to praise." ●

Our State Convention was a success, with the exception of Nu's conduct; she did not send a delegate. Phi was ably represented by Brothers Ellis and Inge, of Greensboro, both of whom gained and deserved our best feeling, and socially made quite an impression upon the gentler sex.

In the convention we were represented by Brother M. P. Northington, who gave a very satisfactory account of our yearly progress, as did also Ellis in behalf of Phi.

As Senior Speaker, Brother Graves acquitted himself very creditably. It was said that while his was not the most flowery, yet it was the most sensible oration of the day. Brother Smith, on account of indisposition, did not deliver his thesis, much to the universal sorrow. The "Hop" is now remembered delightfully. Four of the Knights of the Crimson and Gold, as in the days of old, were participants in the gay festivities and enjoyed themselves as ne'er before. Wishing for all a pleasant and profitable vacation, and an early return to college with the determination to still further advance the interests of our beloved Order, I bid you for the session 1892-93 a good-bye.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Once again, and for the last time this session, does Alpha-Gamma salute her sister chapters, and as usual her report is, "All's well."

Louisiana has always been noted for her beautiful and accomplished daughters, and Alpha-Gamma's friends among the "fair sex" stand pre-eminently the first among them. Miss Ella Lannier, a typical specimen of Southern beauty and womanhood, now wears a K. A. badge with all the grace imaginable. By her so doing dismay was carried into the ranks of our rivals.

Alpha-Gamma, as usual, is under many obligations to one of her friends. Miss Mary McVea very kindly presented us with a magnificent altar cloth. This young lady is, and has always been, one of our best friends.

Saturday, May 13, is a day that will long be remembered by the students of Louisiana State University. The programme was a very interesting one, consisting of a review of the corps of cadets and visiting military by the Governor and his staff, a dress parade, sham battle, and various athletic sports, terminating with a baseball game between Tulane and the cadets. The cadets upheld their splendid reputation by winning the game.

They have been meeting "all comers" for two years and have not sustained a single defeat.

Several brothers from Psi visited us on that day, and we were very much pleased to meet them, but being under military restrictions we were unable to extend to them the welcome we would have liked to.

Brother Evans, at a meeting held sometime since, was elected to the office of (3), the vacancy of which was caused by the resignation of Brother Gustine. This brother was also elected President of the Philomathean Literary Society, which was organized a short time ago.

The final examinations are staring us grimly in the face, and we are "burning midnight oil" in our desperate (though I fear futile for some) efforts to prepare for them. However, "it is natural for man (especially a college student) to indulge in the illusions of hope," and we will not "give up the ghost" until the results are known. I am not speaking of A. G., in particular, but the mass of students in general.

More interest has been evinced in literary exercises this year than ever before. Quite a number have signified their willingness to enter the oratorical and declamatory contests. We are represented in both. Brother Evans is our declaimer and Brother Whitaker our orator. Of Brother Evans we expect much, but of our orator—the least said the better.

As our school does not close until July 4, and as honors, etc., are not awarded until then, we will have to postpone the announcement of such until October.

Wishing each and every one a pleasant vacation, we will close.

ALPHA-DELTA.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE.

On June 8th the session of '92-'93 closed at William Jewell. It was spent pleasantly and profitably. Alpha-Delta, though she has not grown much, has held her prestige with the faculty, students, and society of our little city. Individually, our boys are modest, but as a chapter, we feel it is almost impossible to find a group of boys of equal number the peer of Alpha-Delta. This coming year we intend to increase our number while maintaining our quality.

Let me tell you something of our home. Our college, standing on a commanding hill, very significantly faces the west—sig-

nificantly, for she sees her future as rich, as broad, as glorious, as is the boundless country stretching from her tall-columned portico to the walls of the university at Palo Alto, so near the "golden gate." She is in the center of an 80-acre campus, which Hon. W. P. C. Breckenridge likened to "the crystallized smile of a pleased creator."

At our next annual Field Day we expect to hold our contest on the athletic field which, with a new gymnasium, is to be on the bank of the lake, east of the main college building. The north-west part of the campus is to be adorned with a \$30,000 academy building, the erection of which is to begin in a few weeks. You see our boast in the last mid-summer JOURNAL was not an idle one.

On Field Day, May 12, our "eleven" lined up against a Kansas City team. Though this was our first match, while they are one of the best teams in Missouri, the game was more stubbornly played than the score of 18 to 6 would indicate. We expect to have a strong team this fall. Alpha-Delta was represented as follows: Day, right guard; Matthews, left tackle; Marsh, left half-back; Hunt, left end.

At least a few days of a college year are specially remembered. Of the year just closed, Wednesday, June 7, will long be a pleasant memory to William Jewell and her friends. On that day the noblest son of a justly proud State delivered the annual address to our literary societies. For two hours he held the audience of 3,000 entranced. To hear his mellow voice and rounded sentences, full of philosophy, history, and pleasing figure, to hear and see him speaking easily and without gesture, is an epoch in one's life. I refer to the most eloquent man in our Congress, archetype of orator and statesman, Wm. C. P. Breckenridge, of Kentucky.

It is said heat expands. We hope so, for (it is hot here) then our mind may expand sufficiently to receive some of the Greek our Professor of Greek is now trying to cram into it. We need your sympathy and prayers. But others are busy as well. J. E. Heymer is studying medical works, preparing to return to Kansas City Medical College, having attended the spring term there. C. B. Marsh is preparing for his work in Liberty Female College, he having been chosen to fill its chair of History and Greek the coming year.

We close, wishing all of you a cool vacation and a sure return to your chapters and college work this fall.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY.

When this letter reaches the JOURNAL all of our little band will be scattered far and wide. Examinations are past and commencement is upon us, to-morrow being the day appointed for the closing exercises.

Three of our brothers have already left for their respective homes, viz: Brothers Hancock, Hood, and Melton. Brother Hood left on account of home troubles, in which it is needless to say our sympathy follows him. The other two left from "cussedness" pure and simple. The result is that we have only three men here at present.

We have elected our delegate to the convention, viz: Brother Hamilton, with Brother Spencer as substitute. We hope to be able to raise the necessary funds to send one of them, though with our small number it will be exceedingly difficult, not to say impossible.

The Stewart and Washington Irving Literary societies had a public debate not long since, three being elected from each society. We had one brother on the Stewart side, which side, by the way, won.

The joint oratorical contest between the two societies took place last night, Brother Thornwell holding first place on Stewart's list. It is almost needless to say that he made an admirable speech, but fickle fortune did not smile upon his effort.

Brother Hamilton carried off the Chemistry Medal. With best wishes for the further welfare of each chapter, and for the pleasure of every individual brother wherever he may be during the summer, we close.

ALPHA-ZETA.

WILLIAM AND MARY.

William and Mary, after a most successful session, has closed, and the members of Alpha-Zeta have all gone to their respective homes.

At the first of the year our prospects, while not dismal, were not as bright as they might have been, owing to the small number of old members that returned, but by hard work the session just passed has proven to be one of the most encouraging in the history of the chapter. We have had eight initiates in all, Mr. F. Southgate Taylor, of Norfolk, being the last.

In the bi-centennial celebration just passed Kappa Alpha took a

a most prominent part. Brother Crallé presided over the final exercises of his society, and introduced the speakers of the occasion in his characteristic, graceful manner. Brother Chichester was awarded the medal for declamation in the same society. Brother G. E. Bennett was awarded the second prize in the Department of Pedagogy. He also received his T. J., as did Brother Crallé. In addition to these honors we were represented on the committees.

The banquet given June 20, at Spencer's Hotel, was a decided success in every particular. There were representatives from the faculty and from our sister chapters whose presence added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Hoping that the readers of the JOURNAL will excuse the "soul of wit," I wish them all a pleasant summer.

ALPHA-ETA.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

Again it is the duty as well as the pleasure of Alpha-Eta's scribe to send the news and greetings of his chapter to all her sister chapters.

All is quiet in Westminster and a feeling of loneliness comes over the writer as he thinks of the partings which have so recently been made. It is his lot to remain in Fulton for the summer. From the unusual excitement of commencement week Fulton has fallen into her accustomed sleep for the summer.

Commencement in Westminster was a constant rush from one exercise to another. This year the fraternities all had a banquet for the first time; generally only two have them the same year.

Our banquet was given at the Orphan School building May 30. The place was admirably adapted for the purpose. The large dining hall was profusely decorated with the beloved "crimson and gold."

There were six courses. Brother Sharp acting as toastmaster gave the toast of welcome, which was responded to by Brother Akers, '92.

Brother Townsend, whom we were pleased to have with us once again, gave a toast, "The ladies." The representatives from the other fraternities gave toasts respectively on their "frats" the Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi.

Alpha-Eta does not believe in having a grand and formal banquet at the cost of pleasure, and ease, so our banquet was most

enjoyable to everyone. Brother Barbee represented us at the Beta Theta Pi banquet; and Brother H. I. Matthews at the Phi Delta Theta.

The fifth annual Field Day of the Athletic Association of Westminster was held May 15 at the Fair Grounds. The day was beautiful, and the athletes of Westminster were in their glory. One hundred and thirty-two dollars in prizes were offered.

Brother Barbee won the 220-yard dash and the one fourth mile dash, prizes for both amounting to \$14.50. In the relay race between the Philalethian and Philologic Literary Societies, the "Lethians" won easily; Brothers Ryland and Barbee carried her colors. Some of the old records were broken: Standing high jump, five feet three inches; standing broad jump, nine feet nine inches; running broad jump, seventeen feet six inches.

In the election of the staff of the college paper for '93-94, Brother Barbee was elected business manager, to succeed Brother Ryland, and Brother H. I. Matthews as one associate editor.

Alpha-Eta lost one man by graduation this year, Brother Sharp. We regret very much to lose him from the active work of the chapter, but as he will locate in Mexico, Mo., he will be at hand to help us much with his presence.

We will return seven active men next fall, and we hope to have Brother Wiggs with us, making eight; and everything looks forward to a much brighter opening than we had last fall. Looking over our work for the year we are very much pleased in some respects and in others there is room for serious regret. Last fall Alpha-Eta started in with dark prospects. We had five men, but there was not much material for fraternities. We only had one officer's dress, and very little that we could call our own. Now we have the handsomest fraternity hall in Westminster and a great deal to show for our year's work. All of our books are in good order, and Alpha-Eta has done more this year toward strengthening the fraternity spirit than ever before.

We have been very much pleased with a visit from Brothers Akers, Crawford, Townsend, and Taylor who have left our number to make their fight in the world's great battle. Brothers Ryland, Steele, and Crawford each have the thanks of the chapter for the pictures they have placed on our walls.

I wish to say in behalf of our chapter that we are open to donations whatever they may be for the improvement of our

hall. We have much to be proud of in our Kappa "sisters" in whom all loyal Kappa Alphas take great pride. Miss Adah Tucker took the music medal, Miss Pemberton graduated in music, and Miss Ruth Bartley was valedictorian of her class. Our thanks are due to Miss Pemberton for a fine cake which she sent us the last time we had our goat "on parade."

Our last initiate is R. A. Moore, of Fulton, Mo., brother of our excellent Brother O. B. Moore. Brother R. A. Moore is pitcher on the college team of which Brother Ryland is captain and first baseman.

When I read the various chapter letters I naturally think of the college or university in which it is situated, and often I can find out nothing, neither by that nor the preceding letter; so I think it would be a good idea for each correspondent to give a brief history of his college, its customs, and students during his term of office by writing a little in each letter so as not to make the letter too long. This would add not only to the interest of the reader, but also to his knowledge of the situation of his fraternity. The letters, in many cases, are so much alike that one loses interest after a time and lays aside the JOURNAL for a while in order to rest himself. I do not profess to be an example, but often one can see wherein a letter is faulty and at the same time make the same mistake.

With the best wishes of Alpha-Eta for every Kappa Alpha wherever he may spend his vacation, and for our beloved Order, I close.

ALPHA-THETA.

SUB-ROSA.

Alpha-Theta has just closed another year of prosperity and happiness and now sends greeting to all her sister chapters. 'Tis true, she has had her troubles, her "trials and tribulations," but she has braved them all, and slips to the front at the closing of another year, filled with new zeal and energy, and a determination that next session she will do even better than ever. It is true we have not been as punctual as we should have been in having our chapter letter in every JOURNAL, but allowances must be made for a chapter running "sub-rosa." We are happy to state, however, that such will not always be the case. Strenuous efforts will be made upon the faculty of our institution at the beginning of next year to allow Greek Letter Fraternities, and from present indications we feel that the "bill will

certainly pass." Should such be the case, Alpha-Theta will "loom up" in grand style, as she has among her members the "leading spirit" of our college.

We certainly have reason to be proud of our work in college this year. Nothing of importance has occurred during the whole of the past session but that Alpha-Theta was prominently engaged therein. In the class-room, on the ball grounds, in the society halls, and in fact everywhere the K. A. boys might have been seen in "front ranks."

Our annual declamatory contest was won by an Alpha-Theta man, and we also had two other representatives on the programme.

One of our members carried off the prize in another primary declamatory contest.

On the night of the oratorical contest we were again represented by a good man, and on still another oratorical contest we were again represented.

Several other medals were won by Alpha-Theta's men.

We were also well represented in the different college associations, having the president of the Athletic Association, president of the Y. M. C. A., three or four men in the Lecture Association, and four men on the college paper. We might name several other positions of honor which were held by our men, but this will suffice. We only desire to show to the readers of the JOURNAL that Kappa Alpha stands at the head here.

We had two graduates this year (who, by the way, are charter members of Alpha-Theta) to go out with the Class of '93, both of whom were on the Class Day programme, one as Class Poet and the other Class Prophet. One of them also took a degree in the Theological Department of our institution.

Our membership now is quite strong, numbering eighteen or twenty men. Five new men were taken in just a few days before the close of the session. We wish we could give the names, but of course we have to be very particular.

We have encountered difficulties this year which we believe no other chapter in the Order has ever had the misfortune to experience.

We are the only "sub-rosa" chapter in the Order, and started off last year with a big debt hanging over us. Were watched by an eagle-eyed faculty and some bitter enemies in other "frats," (for some of them are here, also,) yet in the face of all this we have held together, established Theta Chapter, and will start in

next year with a renewed vigor, which must "lay low" everything which dares to oppose it.

Long live Kappa Alpha is our prayer.

ALPHA-IOTA.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

Owing to the forgetfulness of the C. S., a most important event in A.-I.'s history was overlooked in our last letter—the initiation of two new men. Two worthy men and true, whose presence in the K. A. ranks should have been noted. Begging their pardon, and that of the brothers of K. A., for this seeming neglect, I present them: W. H. Hamilton, Berwick, La., and Alex. N. Williams, Mere Rouge, La. Brother Hamilton will graduate next year and Brother Williams will enter the Sopomore Class. Since their initiation we have secured two good men: W. C. Howell and Eugene Decker, both of Jackson, La. All four we can introduce to the brothers as men worthy to be K. A.'s, and will preserve the honor of our beloved Order. Since the Commencement Brother Howell has been quite ill, but is now convalescent.

The second year of K. A.'s existence at Centenary College closed June 7th. The battles of the year had not been fought in vain. A fruitage, golden and otherwise, was garnered as the reward of our labors. And June 3 was to Alpha-Iota as the wreath that graces the brow of the victor. It was the occasion of our second "annual banquet." The day, to the Committee of Arrangements, including the entire chapter, was sultry enough, but the evening was a typical Southern one. The sun sank beneath the western skies, leaving in his wake a brilliant sea of glory, to the north of which lay a dark and massive bank of clouds that looked like grim and stately mountains in the distance. The night—well, it was enjoyed until the "little hours" had come.

Our lady friends, who always come to our aid, with the assistance of several most artistic members, had arranged the large table in a way that charmed the most artistic, and added not a little to one's appetite. The hall was handsomely decorated and brilliantly lighted. The guests assembled early and spent the first hour of the evening on the porch. The moon was creeping above the tree-tops, and shedding her silvery light o'er faces fair and manly forms. At 10 P.M. the hall was entered and the guests were seated to a banquet that none failed to enjoy.

The welcome address, as it came from the lips of Brother Scales, was bright, sparkling, cordial.

Brother James, of the Class of '93, responded in an eloquent and thoughtful speech to the toast, "Our Alumni."

Brother Alexander's response to "K. A." was striking and forcible.

Dr. Hunnicutt, President of the college, responded in an extremely felicitous way to the toast, "Our Faculty."

Epsilon, of Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Omicron, a local order, were each honored with a representative who brought to us the friendly and fraternal greetings of his respective fraternity.

In a word, Alpha-Iota's "second annual banquet" was a success.

The honors at Commencement were equally divided between "Barbs" and "Frats." Alpha-Iota did not repeat her last year's experience, and take *all* the medals, but she received her share. Brothers J. M. Carter and N. E. Joyner were her graduates. Both of them had the honor of representing her literary societies as Senior debaters. Brother Joyner delivered the valedictory of the graduating class, and won the Debater's Medal offered by the Union Society.

Brother Dan A. James has been selected as our delegate to the convention. We are deeply interested in the work to be done by the convention, and have sent a man who has a level head and is familiar with the workings of the Order, and who is moreover devoted to K. A. and his *alma mater*, Alpha-Iota.

Brother W. P. Holcomb was elected as alternate.

Brother J. L. Scales, who has done such good service for our chapter, will not be with us next session. Thus we lose three men, the other two by graduation, but their places will be taken by capable men.

The future of K. A. at Centenary grows brighter. May it never be dimmed.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

After two weeks of final plodding and two weeks of final bumming, the rusty pen must again be polished.

A brief sketch of what has been going on among the Alpha-Lambda brothers during the last year may be of some interest. Our goat throughout the year has been treated very roughly. Hardly did a month pass by in which our "gentle animal" did

not raise his "gentle bumpers" to greet some new comer. There were eleven in all who made the acquaintance of "do n't-be-afeard-of-him."

We were very fortunate in making the two Branch brothers, Harrison B. and Hardin C. H., staunch Kappa Alpha supporters.

During the last month a spirit of "hustle" came over Alpha-Lambda, the consequence of which was the security and success of Alpha-Lambda for next year.

All of our new officers are men whose motto is, "Success for Alpha-Lambda above all."

Brother Magruder was elected delegate to the convention, and Brother Witte as substitute in case Brother Magruder is prevented from serving.

When we went into Brother Hamilton's room to say "good-bye," we found him hard at work on the annual catalogue. If all Kappa Alphas were as "Kappa Alpha spirited" as "Doctor Bill," such things as catalogues, laws for fines, etc., would hardly be necessary. He certainly merits thanks for his never-tiring willingness to do anything to promote the welfare of Kappa Alpha.

Our prospects for next year are brilliant. We are sure of twelve active and three associate members returning. If we have the success next year that we had with this year, we shall be able to send at the end of next May, a picture of at least twenty-five men. Alpha-Lambda's policy has been to get substantial men, hard workers, men who do not "tody" to the so-called "social swimming pool," but who have good common sense to back them. We chose our men for their good qualities, for themselves, not for their families. The consequence of all this is that when a person asks, "Who are these Kappa Alphas? What kind of men have they?" The answer will be, "They are all solid, substantial fellows, and stick together like fly paper. They are known all over for their congeniality, not only among themselves, but with whomsoever they are thrown in contact."

This is, it seems to me, necessary for a good chapter. The aim of Alpha-Lambda is to become the leading chapter at the Johns Hopkins University.

IOTA.

FURMAN UNIVERSITY.

It becomes the pleasant duty of this scribe to pen for the first time a few lines to the JOURNAL to let the brotherhood hear

what is going on among Iota's members. I am sure this affords me a great privilege as well as a pleasure, and my only regret is that I shall not be able to fill the position of C. S. for Iota as well as those who have preceded me, and whose mantle now falls upon one who is not able to wear it. However, I shall do my best.

Since our last letter there has been nothing to mar the joys or to break the bonds of fraternal love which bind us so closely together in our little circle of brotherhood.

No new members have been received since our last letter, and hence we have only had opportunities to strengthen the cords which bind us few so strongly together.

At our last meeting the following officers were installed: (1), W. E. Lott; (2), H. L. Riley; (3), W. C. Edwards; (4), L. S. Mattison; (5), J. H. Funderburg; (6), G. P. White; (7), Joseph Norwood; (8), R. L. McGee; (9), R. S. Williams. When this installation took place we could not but feel that the time was fast approaching when we soon must part.

Not a great many visitors were present at Commencement, but those who came seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

The Commencement of the Greenville Female College took place in connection with that of the University, and we feel that it would be an injustice to our good Kappa Alpha sisters not to say at least a word or two concerning the beautiful and graceful manner in which they performed their respective parts.

At the public meeting of the Judson Literary Society, one of our K. A. sisters presided and another acted as Secretary. When all was over, we found that everything had passed off so smoothly that we could not but feel that we had closed a profitable year, and were thus encouraged to look forward to a very prosperous year during our next session.

We had one man in the graduating class. I refer to Brother W. E. Wilkins, of Charleston, who, by his congeniality and friendly disposition, had gained the confidence and love of all his fellow students. It is with much regret and yet with the very best of wishes that we extend to him the parting "grip." Brother Wilkins expects to go the Chicago University next fall to take a post-graduate course, after which he expects to attend the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Among the visitors to the Commencement the following Kappa Alphas are called to mind: G. A. Wright, L. M. Rice, J. R. Ware, O. B. Martin, B. F. Martin, W. M. Clyde, J. T. Smith, and W. F. Darrah.

Out of a number of medals awarded at the University there were two awarded to Kappa Alphas, as follows: One to Brother Lott for the greatest improvement in the literary society, and the other to Brother J. H. Funderburg for the best essay published in the *University Echo*.

In the last election of officers of the Adelpian Literary Society, Brother Lott was unanimously elected President, Brother Joseph Norwood was elected associate-editor of the *University Echo*, Brother R. S. Williams Treasurer, and Brother L. L. Mattison associate-editor of the *Echo*.

Brother H. L. Riley was elected by the Y. M. C. A. as a delegate to the Northfield summer school.

Brother Riley was also elected delegate to the K. A. Convention at Richmond.

Brother J. R. Ware has returned to his home in Greenville to spend the summer. He has been attending Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia.

Brother A. E. Cox has returned home from Vanderbilt, where he has been taking a medical course.

Brother W. M. Clyde was in the city during Commencement. He has received a scholarship to Harvard, and was on his way to enter college. We wish him success in his attempt to "get understanding."

Most of our number will return next fall. Also some of our old members who have been out for a year or two. We will be glad to welcome them back.

We are very much encouraged with our past year's work, and we expect to return to old Furman next fall to take up again the work where we left off, and it is our aim to go forward, aided by the fact that we are a part of the brotherhood, and, too, seeing what this brotherhood has done in the past and what it is able and expects to do in the future. The victory is just ahead, and only needs a little effort to gain it. Even now may be seen Kappa Alpha banners floating high above the rest, and may this ever be the case.

Most hearty wishes to all the brethren for a pleasant and profitable vacation and a hearty grip to all our sister chapters.

[NOTE.—This letter arrived too late for insertion in the regular order.—Ed.]

Editorial.

THE tendency of the editorial departments in various fraternity publications is toward brevity. Whether this tendency is due to the scarcity of themes and ideas, or is the beginning of a reform in the department, remains unsolved. The editor of the JOURNAL is far too fond of expressing his opinions, native and adopted, to join the procession of those curtailing the elbow-room of those who sit upon the tripod. Consequently with the present issue which reaches or passes the average in size, the editorial department keeps on according to regulation. In the first place it is high time for Kappa Alphas to congratulate themselves. In fact the last number of the volume is the only one in which it is entirely safe to express rejoicing. When it is remembered that in this year we have rescued one chapter from a state of desuetude, almost equal to death, namely, Zeta Chapter; when life has been infused into the odorous remains of Pi, and that another Theta Chapter has been established, our work in this line is satisfactory. When it is known that the machinery of the Order is in better condition than ever in its history; that the financial system is thorough and efficient; and that the historical part of the fraternity is being rapidly pushed as near to perfection as it can be made; we surely can rejoice. There is life, energy, and dignity pervading the organization that have never been excelled in all the past and rarely if ever equalled. Not only have the affairs of the fraternity at large been carefully and successfully conducted, but the chapters also have done their parts better than ever before. The various reports demanded of them have, as a rule, been regularly sent in; the majority of them have been punctual in the writing of letters to the JOURNAL, and the dues have been promptly paid. While fraternities are not run for business, yet in order to reach the highest and best results business must be well done. It requires much careful and regular work to make any result in life, and the labor and work is as prosaic as the result is æsthetic and poetical. And so, after surveying the past year's work; after weighing the results, and carefully according the right and proper measure of success to the whole; it seems that in the work of the past year there is much to bring forth a hearty rejoicing and an honest pride. We go into another Convention before another volume

of the JOURNAL is begun. Many things will be proposed, and various projects will be put forth. Let us keep cool and go easy. No step backward must first be guaranteed, and then we can listen for and obey the command to march forward.

"INTERNAL progress" has been a pet phrase of the JOURNAL for sometime. The definition of internal progress has been given editorially and at greater length in the other parts of the magazine. The advantages of internal progress and the necessity of internal progress have been set forth and urged with the patience of Job and the tenacity of a book agent. Whether, as the effect of the continued setting forth of the nature and virtue of "internal progress," or from the natural course of events, the fact remains that the fraternity has progressed internally as it has never done in the same length of time before. It may be that a restraint upon the extension of the Order has directed the attention of the powers that be more completely to the internal condition of the Order.

Without essaying to be a philosopher, we would suggest that there is in all men and organizations of men a certain amount of energy that must find an object upon which to labor. The proper fruits of this energy are frequently lost by an unwise application, or by being applied to so many varied and different enterprises. The problem of life is first to centralize energy, and then to wisely apply it.

The officers of Kappa Alpha may have been so diligent in perfecting the internal machinery of the Order, because there was not so much to demand their attention as formerly.

But philosophy and reasoning by syllogism or without, need not be further considered; the truth remains that never in the history of Kappa Alpha has the machinery been in such perfect condition and so well managed. It would not be rash to hazard the opinion that there is no presiding officer of any college fraternity who has at command such full and exact information as to the condition of every chapter in his jurisdiction as is possessed by the K. C. of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. Mr. Ammen has combined the experience of maturity with the enthusiasm of youth, and sits the master of the situation of the chapters, and knows their movements as well as the train dispatcher knows the movements of the various trains under his watch and care. This system enables the Historian and the Purser to keep exactly informed as to the conditions and changes.

Our financial department is exactly and thoroughly managed. The Historian has made much progress in correcting errors in past historical publications, and has adopted a system which makes the writing of a history, in the years to come, a task that will be comparatively easy. This internal progress is no slight thing at this period of the history of the Order; it is worth more than the addition of ten chapters. It is a strengthening and securing of the present position in view of future extension and permanent existence. To those who have so carefully labored in this direction for the past two years the fraternity owes its gratitude. The period just passing is second in importance to the genesis of this organization, and will be looked back to in years to come with gratification.

FOR some time the members of the fraternity have become rather outspoken as to the names of the various chapter officials, abandoning considerably the old practice of referring to them by figures. This crept into the JOURNAL. Recently some adverse criticism was expressed as to referring to these officials otherwise than in Arabic symbols. While we think that there is not much in the advocacy of such strict secrecy as to these minor matters, yet these letters were not published with a desire to set a fashion, and we readily agree to return to the figures.

It places the fraternity in a sad plight, however, as the letters are used exclusively in the catalogue of 1891, and are also used in the report of the K. C., and the annual catalogue of 1892.

To speak in earnest, secrecy is after all only a secondary element in college fraternity life, and there is unquestionably a point where it might well be abandoned.

ON the 13th of September the convention will meet at Richmond, Va. As the time approaches much thought should be given to it in order that it may be a success. How many plans and changes will be then proposed is more than any man can now tell, but from the outlook there will be many.

That our laws can be simplified and modified to advantage is a proposition too clear to need even a declaration. Every thoughtful man will agree to the truth of it. How much of change is needed is the question, and in what direction.

Our ritual may be polished, adorned some, curtailed some,

perhaps. This is the only *sine qua non*—the Order must be left with the soul entire. No change should be made which would render one of the earlier members from at once recognizing the fraternity into which he was a member.

Delegates should go to Richmond unbiased and full of thought. Opinions should be formed carefully, votes should be cast deliberately. Careful and wise legislative changes are good, reckless ones are destructive.

Prejudices should be left at home, and chapter pride should be subservient to the good of the entire order.

Measures should be adopted from their inherent good rather than to please others, and officers should be chosen for fitness rather than from territorial location. It is not meant that the advocacy of a measure by one who is in position to judge and to know the needs of the order, should not have weight; on the contrary, advocacy by such a one, is entitled to much weight. It is only this, such advocacy should not be conclusive.

There must be a free discussion on the floor of the convention of every question that demands discussion, but there must be no friction. The man whose scheme fails must accept defeat gracefully notwithstanding his sincere regret.

The delegates are urged to be present at the opening of the convention, in order that a definite and proper organization may be effected. A day earlier in starting on the part of those in the habit of coming in late will facilitate the workings of the convention beyond the understanding of the inexperienced.

Every convention, well directed, is a source of strength and an inspiration to action to the entire Order. It is the universal verdict of all who have attended one, that the influence exerted is felt for a long time, if in fact it is ever effaced. The question presents itself; Is any inspiration to excellence capable of being exterminated? Hardly.

This convention promises to be one of the most important ever held. Its influence will be powerful for many years. In the home State, among so many true and earnest members of the order, the body will assemble, to strengthen and perfect the result of years, and to prepare for a better and stronger existence in the years to come.

THERE are some remedies that the human system demands frequently and regularly. The reason of it is not easily ex-

plained by an empiric. Nature's laws are universal and that which is true of one branch is true of every branch. Men need moral and mental medicine in the same way, and at regular times, just as their bodies need to be medicined.

The writer does not propose to be a learned man, versed in all the needs of a chapter, and what is written is not written in an arrogant spirit, but prompted by a desire to do the most good possible with the stock of physic on hand.

The next year will be well under way before another number of the JOURNAL is published, and consequently now it is necessary to urge upon the chapters to be diligent, judicious and earnest in the work of the next year. Deliberate, and determine only after reliable investigation. Do not be led by flash, nor induced to hastily invite men to join by the fear of losing them. The world is full of men; a little slowness adds dignity to fraternities and an invitation slow in coming is more appreciated than one of the snap shot variety.

All this is trite, but trite sayings constitute the best philosophy in the world; and it is well to repeat a truth as often as the priest tells his beads.

A good beginning next year means much of progress and improvement.

THE fraternity owes a debt of gratitude to the three general officers who for the past two years have directed the affairs.

Painstaking, careful, diligent, energetic, and able. No branch of their duties has been neglected. This is but to half express their efficiency. Not only have they performed every duty that the law prescribes, but they have made and established new duties and have performed them as exactly and carefully as if they were imposed upon them.

No one not acquainted with their methods, and the constant application of them, can form any idea of the benefit derived from them.

All of these officers, it is safe to say, will be re-chosen to their positions. The welfare of the fraternity demands it.

Never before in the history of Kappa Alpha have all of the officers filled their places so well.

FOR four years the same man has directed the JOURNAL. Such a position has enabled him to survey the whole Order and

to become familiar with all of the various departments. The editor's life is strange and mysterious. He sits and watches, has no power to change or order done, but only to advise and to urge. It is his duty to praise that which seems good, and to thunder against that which seems evil, in fact or in tendency. Aside from this, his only care is to put forth a creditable magazine, to aid and promote interest of his fraternity.

There is a jot of pride felt when the progress made in the JOURNAL in the past four years is observed. It is, we think pardonable pride, and yet this great change is not assumed to be due to personal efforts alone, but to the progress of ideas in this direction, and the passing of time.

The present staff are fond of the JOURNAL. It has become a pet of him who presides over it. In after years he will bless the period of his connection with it. In the capacity of editor, no doubt things have been said which sounded harsh and hard. Duty alone has prompted such words. No doubt, duty is often performed too severely, but yet that is a fault in make-up rather than in desire. Cassius laid his temper at the door of his natural heritage, when Brutus chided him so harshly. So it is, perhaps, to more or less degree with every man who lives.

Whatever has been said or done was done with eye single to the advancement of our magazine and to the progress of the entire fraternity.

It is due that it be said here that much praise is due to the *alumni* who have so diligently prepared important and interesting articles for the pages of the JOURNAL. To Edward E. Barthell, Frank M. Stafford, and Verner M. Jones, of the editorial staff, especial thanks are rightly due and cheerfully given them. Mr. Barthell has conducted the Greek Press for four years, while for the past year the the Personal Department has been the work of Mr. Stafford. Mr. Jones has for two years had almost exclusive control of the Greek News and Clippings, and has aided in many ways in the conduct of our magazine.

To the chapter secretaries the editor expresses his thanks. As a rule they have done their duty well.

So for the second time, the trust committed to us by the Order is returned. It is hoped that the Order will not regret its action in committing it. Whatever rank or station is in store for him who writes these words, he will always be an ardent member of Kappa Alpha, an earnest advocate of everything that seems to him calculated to increase its rank and prestige, and to give it

perpetuity. He is not insensible to the honors that have been bestowed upon him, nor will he ever forget the days that now are passing.

Nothing of the Order's work lies closer to his heart than this magazine. It is, in some sense, the heart of the Order, propelling the blood of enthusiasm, and the centralizing point of every artery and vein. And more than this, the JOURNAL is the exponent of the fraternity by which it is known to other orders and the world at large. It must not be allowed to lose in anything that makes up excellence, but, more than this, it must increase in everything that gives it rank and usefulness.

THE editor learned by reading the "proof" of the "Personals" in this number of the JOURNAL, of the action of Washington and Lee University conferring the degree of LL.D. upon our K. C. and very worthy brother, Samuel Z. Ammen. It is a distinction well bestowed, and in thus honoring one of her first students and most prominent alumni Washington and Lee has recognized the honors which he has achieved in the walks of polite life and belle-lettres.

The editor of the JOURNAL has been in almost constant communication with Mr. Ammen for the past two years, and for two months last past their correspondence has been frequent, yet he has not said one word of his new honor. His modesty is commendable, but in it he has done the JOURNAL an injustice, for the JOURNAL as the exponent of our Order claims a share, too, in this additional distinction. The fraternity at large will congratulate itself and Dr. Ammen upon this compliment to him and honor to it.

Greek News and Clippings.

Psi Upsilon indulged in an annual convention May 17-19.

Eighteen fraternities are reported to be at the University of Virginia.

Sigma Chi is to have a \$12,000 chapter house at Denison University.

Phi Delta Theta has revived its chapter at Columbia College with fifteen members.

The ninth biennial convention of Kappa Alpha Theta convenes July 24 at the Hotel Epworth, Chicago.

President Coulter, of Lake Forest University, recently chosen to his position, is a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

Articles of organization have been filed with the Secretary of State for a new fraternity, Rho Kappa Upsilon, which takes the place of Phi Kappa Psi at Madison, Wis.

Ground for the new gymnasium at Colgate was broken on May 13. The power of the plow which turned the first furrow was supplied by the students with a 200-foot rope.

It is going the rounds that the northwestern chapter of Delta-Upsilon expelled three Seniors because they married. Now, now! Such conduct is contrary to law and mercy.

Postmaster-General Wilson S. Bissell was a member of D. K. E. at Yale, being chosen to membership in 1867. In his senior year Mr. Bissell was a member of the Skull and Bones Society.

D. K. E. is rich in the members of President Cleveland's Cabinet, not only the Postmaster-General, as before recorded, is a D. K. E., but also the Secretary of the Navy, Hon. Hillary A. Herbert. He was initiated into the mysteries of Delta Kappa Epsilon at the University of Virginia.

Disappointment, anxiety, and credulity will give way to congratulations, relief, and curiosity with the announcement from the editors of the *Catalogue* that the sixth edition, which has been in preparation the greater part of the last decade, will be ready for distribution among subscribers by the 15th of the coming September. The query "When will the *Catalogue* be out? will give way to "What do you think of it?"—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is to have a chapter house at the University of Canada. The contract has been let, and the house will soon be in the process of erection. Sigma Alpha Epsilon is an example of the humble tastes of the man who said:

"Give me but a hut of stone;
A brown stone one will do."

The Sigma Chi fraternity has entered Dartmouth College, absorbing a local society known as Phi Zeta Mu, which was established in 1857.—*Theta Delta Chi Shield*.

Sigma Chi has also recently entered the Kentucky State College at Lexington, Ky. There Sigma Chi will meet the members of the newest chapter of Kappa Alpha.

The editor of the *Theta Delta Chi Shield* must be a Methodist in religious tendency. From that artistic conservatism which excluded "ads" from the pages of the *Shield* he falls to that commonest kind of habit of sandwiching them in between reading matter.

It may be financially a good move, but it destroys the appearance of the *Shield*, and ruins its effect when bound and preserved.

Sigma Phi is preparing to rebuild its beautiful home at Williams, lost last February by fire. The cost of erection is to be \$40,000. Alpha Delta Phi also contemplates extensive improvements at the same institution.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

Sigma Nu presents this euphonoous yell:

"Hi! Ricktey!
Whoopity Do!
What's the matter
With Sigma Nu?
Hullabaloo! Terraghoo,
Ausgezeichnet Sigma Nu!"

The University of Chicago has received during the year, gifts amounting to \$4,000,000. The number of students in attendance is 600. Of these 195 are post-graduates, in which respect she stands next to Johns Hopkins and Harvard. Her faculty includes 120 professors and instructors. Thirteen thousand people have already received instruction through the university extension department. The inevitable conclusion is, that with unlimited funds, anything can be accomplished.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

The authorities at Erskine College, Due West, S. C., have issued a manifesto declaring against the existence of college fraternities. The law is laid down in unequivocal terms and the

sense of it is that no such organization will be permitted at that institution during the oncoming session of '893-'94.

Kappa Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are the only orders directly interested. At the same time the Greeks at Kentucky University, Lexington, Ky., are rejoicing at the prospects of the removal of the bane against them. So it is some go one way and some another. Verily, the ancient wisely spake, "*de gustibus non*," etc.

It is to be hoped that the Greeks at Erskine will be able to mollify the irate officials.

At this period of the year the aristocracy of fraternities is pre-eminent, and all seem to occupy the narrow pinnacle of first place.

One of the most remarkable and mingled college yells is the one in vogue at the Indiana University. Almost all tongues from the old Latin to the Chinese seem to aid in its make up. We are indebted to the *Beta Theta Pi* for the publication of it. It is as follows:

"Gloriana, Frangipana, Indiana,
Kazoo, Kazah; Kazoo, Kazah;
I. U. Hurrah; I. U. Hurrah.
Hoop-la, Hoop-la,
State University.
'Rah, 'Rah, 'Rah."

The *Beta Theta Pi* presents the features of Matthew Stanley Quay in its June number, and accompanies it with a biographical sketch. A feeling of pride is exhibited over Brother Quay. We are glad to find some one proud of Brother Mat.

Beta Theta Pi at large seems to be like a thermometer in respect to Brother Quay. The JOURNAL labors under the impression that in day's past Quay's parent chapter instituted expulsion proceedings against him, and cited him to appear and show cause why he should not be. Oh, fickle, fickle fortune!

Dr. J. H. Kirkland, the new chancellor of Vanderbilt University, is a Greek, and a member of Chi Psi. He is an alumnus of the Wofford College chapter. In Dr. Kirkland Chi Psi has a man of whom she may well be proud, a scholar of great attainments and a gentleman of the best type. The Vanderbilt University is congratulating itself over the election of Dr. Kirkland to his present post of honor.

Personals.

RECENT INITIATES.

ALPHA.

J. Price Mitchell.....Brownsburg, Va.
Roland J. Mitchell.....Brownsburg, Va.

ZETA.

W. H. Twitty.....Suffolk, Va.
J. H. Robertson.....

ETA.

Robert Bruce Bowe.....Richmond, Va.

THETA.

J. W. Pryor.....Lexington, Ky.
J. W. Newman.....Lexington, Ky.
S. H. Lewis.....Lexington, Ky.

KAPPA.

John Thomas Alsop, Jr.....Lumber City, Ga.

MU.

John Todd Young.....Due West, S. C.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

N. C. Lanier.....New Orleans, La.
J. L. Lanier.....New Orleans, La.
Robert Burbank Hicks.....Henderson, Ky.
Thomas McCaa Dozier.....Cedar Key, Fla.

ALPHA-ETA.

R. A. Moore.....Fulton, Mo.

ALPHA-THETA.

Three men.....(Sub-Rosa.)

ALPHA-IOTA

W. H. Hamilton.....Berwick, La.
Alex. N. Williams.....Mere Rouge, La.
W. C. Howell.....Jackson, La.
Eugene Decker.....Jackson, La.

Pierre Bayard Cox, of Upsilon, died in Warrenton, N. C. September, 1892.

William Nicholas Sheats, of Epsilon, is superintendent of Public Instruction of Florida.

Ernest W. Turner, of Alpha-Zeta, is agent of the Southern Produce Company, of Norfolk, Va.

Prof. E. B. Craighead, of Chi, has been elected President of Clemson College, South Carolina.

James Rufus Humphrey is a practicing physician at Virginia, St. Louis county, Minn. He was an initiate of Zeta, '71.

D. G. C. Butts, of Zeta, of the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South, is stationed at Matthew's Court House, Va.

C. H. Harding, of Upsilon, is teaching at Washington, N. C., and F. H. Short, also of Upsilon, is in business at the same place.

Robert Lee Henry (Xi, 85), has recently been made assistant attorney-general of Texas, and is residing at the capital city, Austin.

Francis Scott Key Smith (Alpha-Zeta) who has been a resident of Baltimore since his graduation in '91, is now living in Washington, D. C.

John C. Watkins, of Mu Prime, is clerk of the court of Anderson county, S. C. W. J. Stribling, of the same chapter, is practicing law at Walhalla, S. C.

Lee S. Guy, of Alpha-Zeta, was one of the successful competitors in the bicycle race incident to the Naval Rendezvous celebration at Norfolk, Va., on April 18th.

A. C. Briscoe, of Theta Prime, is secretary of the Georgia Railroad Commission, at Atlanta, Ga., and is also manager of the Southern Shorthand and Business College.

Robert William Davis (Xi, '89, Chi, '92), is bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Weatherford, Texas. Brother Davis was a member of the History and Catalogue Committee.

The State Regatta of the Virginia Association of Amateur Oarsmen was held at Petersburg, Va., June 24th. R. Butler Mahone, of Lambda, was No. 1 on the Appomattox Crew.

William A. Edwards (Epsilon), who recently received the degree of LL.B. from Georgetown University, has been honored by Secretary Hoke Smith with an \$1,800 appointment as law clerk in the Interior Department.

Samuel Streetman, who was twice 1 of Xi, has lately taken unto himself a wife and is living at Cameron, Texas. He paid a short visit to his *alma mater*, having been chosen as anniversary orator of the Alamo Literary Society.

Robert Lee Ryals (Kappa, Class of '89) has declined a re-election to the Chair of Mathematics in Mercer University, which position he has so ably filled for several years, and will soon be admitted to the bar and begin practice in Macon, Ga.

P. H. Cooke, of Upsilon, is practicing law at Louisburg, N. C.; Paul Jones is a lawyer at Tarboro, N. C., and Julian Smith Mann and Lucius Polk McGhee are in the same business at Newberne, N. C., and Raleigh, N. C., respectively. All are members of Upsilon.

The following are the addresses of some of Xi's alumni: Charles H. Reagan, Mineral City, Texas; William E. Hawkins, Dallas, Texas; S. W. Looney, Cameron, Texas; T. J. Adickes, Hillsboro, Texas; J. J. Clark, Sherman, Texas; Edward McCullough, Jr., Mooreville, Texas.

B. F. Martin (Iota, Lambda) represented the University of Virginia in the Southern Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest, held at Columbia, S. C., May 18th. This is the second oratorical contest in which Brother Martin has been selected to represent the University, the other being the State contest.

Edward T. Holmes (Kappa, class of '92), has been tendered and has accepted the position of principal of Mercer University High School. This was a case where "the place sought the man; not the man the place," as the news of his election was a surprise to him, he not having applied for the place.

G. Noble Jones, of Gamma and Lambda, is a nephew of Hon. Wallace S. Jones, recently appointed Consul General to Rome. Brother Jones has accepted a position as private secretary to his uncle and will accompany him to his post. He is to be congratulated upon his good luck. He is worthy of the position.

Among the appointments made by the State Board of Education of Virginia, at their May meeting, was that of Frank T. West, Jr., of Eta, to be Superintendent of Public Schools for Louisa county. The board showed by this reappointment their approval of the manner in which he has discharged his official duties in the past.

Hubert A. Royster, of Tau, was one of the sweet singers of the University of Pennsylvania Glee Club. Many Kappa Alphas had the pleasure of meeting him on the Southern trip of that organization, which included Richmond, Va., Norfolk, Va., Raleigh, N. C., Wilmington, N. C., Columbia, S. C., Spartanburg, S. C., and Danville, Va.

Harry O. Wilson is a clerk in the banking house of Carson & McCarbney, Washington, D. C. Samuel Channing Wilson is assistant secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company,

Washington, and John Edwin Wilson is a clerk in the disbursing room of the United States Census Office. All three are alumni of Zeta.

Sydnor G. Ferguson, of Zeta, is a member of Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South, and is stationed at Fredericksburg, Va. Jefferson Waite Duffey and John Frederick Baggs, of Zeta, of the same conference, are stationed at Baltimore, Md., and Union, Monroe county, W. Va., respectively. Baggs' address is 1605 Harlem avenue.

The reception and banquet given at Richmond College recently by the members of Eta Chapter was a most gorgeous affair, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The handsomely furnished rooms of the chapter were used for the occasion. Lovely ribbon souvenirs were distributed among those present. The chaperones were Mesdames Harrison, Chalkley, and Duke. Prominent members of other fraternities were present.

Thomas Jackson Woofter (Chi, Class of '85) has recently been elected to the Chair of Mathematics in Mercer University, and will enter upon his new duties at the opening of the session of '93-'94. Upon a recent visit to his new field he made quite a favorable impression, particularly on the boys of Kappa, who took him through their club rooms and tendered him every possible courtesy.

The following are taken from the "recent appointments" at Johns Hopkins University; Honorary Scholars—J. H. Pridgen (A.M., Wake Forest College), of North Carolina; E. L. Reid (A.B., Erskine College), of South Carolina. Scholars—J. A. C. Chandler (A.B., William & Mary College), of Virginia. Doctors of Philosophy—Charles Alphonso Smith, of Greensboro, N. C., A.B., Davidson College, 1884. Subjects: English, History, and German. Thesis: "The Order of Words in Anglo-Saxon Prose."

Capt. Thomas Atkinson Blackford (Beta) has been notified of his election to the post of Commandant and Instructor in Mathematics at the celebrated Kenyon Military Academy of Gambia, Ohio. Capt. Blackford, who is the son of Supt. Benj. Blackford, of the W. L. A., Staunton, Va., graduated from the Virginia Military Institute (session '90-'91), and for two years past has been Commandant of the Augusta Male Academy. He is a man of scholarly attainments and soldierly bearing.

Episcopal High School of Virginia.—Hon. W. A. Little, of Fredricksburg, delivered the address before the Fairfax and Blackford societies.

Virginia Military Institute.—Diplomas in graduating class: L. W. H. Peyton, Thos. Alsop, B. Magoffin, P. C. Warwick, S. L. Carter, R. S. Spilman, Ben Huger, and G. B. Thornton. Distinguished graduate and second Jackson-Hope medal, L. W. H. Peyton. Degree of C. E., L. W. H. Peyton. Final disclaimer, L. W. H. Peyton.

John Lemuel Borden is head of the firm of Royal & Borden, furniture dealers, at Goldsboro, N. C. Robert Turnbull Burwell is a mechanical engineer. He is located at Audubon Park, New Orleans. Wentworth S. Micks is in the furniture business at Raleigh, N. C. Wallace Carl Riddick is professor of mathematics at A. and M. College, Raleigh. J. F. Schenck is a manufacturer at Cleveland Mills, N. C. Henry William Scott's address is Graham, N. C. J. A. Arthur is practicing law at Washington, N. C., and Herbert B. Thomas is attending a business college in Lexington, Ky. All of these are alumni of Upsilon chapter.

On the evening of June 10th about twenty alumni of Zeta Chapter celebrated the first reunion since its organization in 1869 by Jo Lane Stern. Kappa Alpha is the oldest fraternity at Randolph-Macon, and is considered there the mother of college societies. Among its ninety-odd members will be found the names of men who have gained prominence in their professions, and others who hold high places of authority. Col. Stern occupied the chair of honor, and at the tables about him were Profs. R. E. Blackwell and R. M. Smith, of Randolph-Macon; W. T. Davis, John Moyler, Dr. H. G. Leigh, W. B. Stevens, of Petersburg; James F. Howison, of Philadelphia; Ed C. Price, Coleman Wortham, L. N. Judkins, and William Pilcher, of Richmond; J. M. Page, Cobham, Va.; W. H. Twitty, Suffolk; and Paul Pettitt, University of Virginia. Col. Stern offered the following toasts, which were responded to by some of the orators present: "The Ladies," "The Alumni," and "College Ties." The menu card was a lovely one, bearing the emblem of the fraternity.

The german given by Alpha Chapter at Lexington, Va., on the evening of April 7th, last, complimentary to Miss Katie Hopkins, was the most brilliant ever known in that classic city. The spacious hall in the McCrum building was used for dancing,

while an entire suite of rooms on another floor was used for the guests and banquet. The hall had been beautifully decorated in crimson and gold, under the supervision of Mrs. General Fitzhugh Lee, Mrs. John Carmichael, and Mrs. Morgan Pendleton, who were the chaperones for the evening. The german was led by John Otey, of Lynchburg, Va., with Miss Katie Hopkins, the honored guest of the occasion, who was attired in a handsome striped gauze over satin with diamond ornaments, and carried a lovely bouquet of Jacqueminot and Mareschal Neil roses, representing the colors of the fraternity, and presented to her by its members. Hundreds of invitations had been issued, and there were present representatives of all the Greek Letter Fraternities and prominent members of the best families of Virginia.

Kappa Alpha took a most prominent part in the commencement exercises of the various Virginia educational institutions, as is shown by the following notes made from the newspaper reports :

Washington and Lee—Bachelors of Law, J. R. T. Carmichael, W. W. Sale and T. W. Shelton ; Degree of LL.D., S. Z. Ammen, of Baltimore.

Randolph-Macon College—Prof. Frank C. Woodward, of South Carolina, delivered a masterly address on "Education," at the exercises on the 14th of June. Rev. A. Coke Smith, of Norfolk, Va., delivered a most excellent address before the Washington and Franklin Societies, on the subject of "Spiritual Faith," on the morning of the 15th. At the Franklin Society celebration on the same night, Hon. W. A. Little delivered an address, and then presented the medals. Ernest Stevens was elected second vice-president of the Alumni Society.

Richmond College—At celebration of Mu Sigma Rho and Philologian Societies, H. L. Norfleet was chairman, and W. D. Duke and J. H. Franklin members of the committee in charge from the former society. W. F. Long, H. L. Norfleet, C. M. Cooke and W. D. Duke received diplomas in the different schools. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. John B. Turpin, of Charlottesville, Va., and Rev. G. B. Moore, of Greeneville, S. C.

University of Virginia—Hon. John Temple Graves delivered the address before the Jefferson and Washington Societies. At the final celebration of the Jefferson Society, B. F. Martin was one of the speakers and also the orator medalist of the society. The *Magazine* medal for the best contribution to the *University*

Magazine was awarded to Charles Hall Davis. G. Ainslie, A. S. H. Bristow and A. C. Carson received degree of Bachelor of Law.

William and Mary College—At final celebration of the Phoenix Society, G. M. Cralle was president, Tazewell Taylor was one of the essayists, and J. C. Chichester, one of the declaimers. The essay medal was awarded to Tazewell Taylor and the declaimer's medal to J. C. Chichester. William Hoskins was orator from the Philomathian Society. Among graduates in different schools were Tazewell Taylor, G. M. Cralle and G. W. Mapp. One of the Brafferton medals was awarded to G. E. Bennett. Degree of L.I. was conferred upon G. E. Bennett and M. G. Cralle. S. G. Cumming, of Hampton, was elected second vice-president of the Alumni Society, and J. A. C. Chandler was elected a member of the Executive Committee.

ATWELL-SNYDER.

Will Hawley Atwell (Xi, class of '90), of Dallas, was married December 7, 1892, to Miss Susie Snyder, of Georgetown, Texas.

PORTER-TRIPPET.

Rufus Choate Porter (class of '85), first G. M. of Xi Chapter and lawyer at Dallas, was married December 14, 1892, to Miss Effie Trippet, of Fort Worth, Texas.

BROWN-MERRIWETHER.

John Lucien Brown (Xi, class of '86), who has the honor of being judge of Goliad county, Texas, was married December 28, 1892, to Miss Fannie Merriwether, of Edna, Texas.

SMITH-WHITE.

J. Sydney Smith, of Lambda, and Miss Claudia White, both of Norfolk, Va., were married at the residence of the bride's parents, in that city, April 18, 1893. Brother Smith is a prominent young attorney and president of the Norfolk alumni chapter.

SMITH-LONG.

Clifford L. Smith (Epsilon) was married to Miss Pearl Long, of Gordon, Ala., on April 2, 1893. They have since taken a bridal tour through the West and spent some time in the "Windy City" with the assembled multitudes. Brother Smith is an officer in the Georgia State Troops and a Mason in high standing officially. He is Treasurer and Professor of Physics in the LaGrange Female College. His charming bride is a graduate of the above-named institution, and subsequently a teacher in her *alma mater*.

PARKER-SMITH.

Lewis W. Parker (Rho), Greenville, S. C., and Miss Maggie Smith, of Richmond, Va., were married June 6, 1893, at the residence of Mrs. George Wythe Munford, in the latter city, in the presence of a large assemblage of friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Williams, the assistant rector of St. Paul' church, and Maj. Cauthorn, of Greenville, acted as best man. The groom is a well-known young lawyer of the "Palmetto State," and his bride, who is exceedingly popular, is a daughter of the late Austin Smith.

MAURY-McCAW.

Dabney Herndon Maury (Beta), of Peoria, Ill., and Miss Mary McCaw, of Richmond, Va., were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, April 26, 1893. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hartley Carmichael, and the groom was attended by Mr. Charles Maury, of New York, while two little nieces of the bride held the ribbons. The parlors were decorated in white and green. The wedding was a very quiet affair, and only intimate friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony. After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Maury left for Asheville, N. C. The groom is a son of Gen. Dabney H. Maury, and his bride is a daughter of Dr. J. B. McCaw.

WILSON-LAMBETH.

Among the numerous June weddings in Washington society that which concerns Kappa Alphas was probably the most prominent. At 10 o'clock A.M., June 29th, Mr. R. E. Wilson (Gamma) was married to Miss Park Lambeth at the First Baptist church, Washington, D. C., the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Stakely officiating. Mr. Frank M. Stafford (Epsilon) acted as best man. At 11 o'clock the couple left for Atlanta, Ga., where they will visit for two weeks the parents of the groom. Mr. Wilson has been a resident of Washington three years, holding a lucrative position in the War Department. Mrs. Wilson is originally from Murfreesboro, Tenn., where she has many friends. Being an exceedingly handsome woman, as well as highly accomplished, she has for two years been a favorite in Washington society. •

DEATH.

John Langhorne Hutter, eldest son of Maj. Edward S. Hutter, of Lynchburg, Va., died suddenly June 23d, at Pittsville, Pittsylvania county, Va. No particulars of his death have been received. He was an initiate of Beta, 1883.

The Greek Press.

Fare thee well! and if forever,
Still forever fare thee well.

—Byron.

Once before the Greek Press writer has written his valedictory, and now again he bids a long farewell to all his greatness, for the cycle of years has again brought round convention day and prepared the Order for convention changes. The four years that this department has been conducted under the name of Greek Press have familiarized the JOURNAL's staff with the covers and contents of the various exponents of college Greek letter secret societies; the names of the editors, and occasionally their faces have become known. During the four years some changes have taken place, but to one who has "kept company" with the magazines, it has been more an evolution than change of components. Perhaps during that time the JOURNAL has made a greater change than any other of the members of the Greek press. Its confidence has increased, and with it, its weight. The members of its staff are not now novices, but trained in fraternity journalism. But it was not intended to present here a general editorial on the subject of fraternity journalism, so to the proper department subject.

But few of the JOURNAL's old friends are present to receive its parting.

The only bright color in the group to which this bow is made is worn by *Kappa Alpha Theta*, but that is as bright and newsy and attractive as ever, and will be taken as an earnest of what the other summer girls would be if they were here. The first article is about "Mistakes of a College Girl's Fraternity Life," the controlling idea of which may be seen from the following clipping taken therefrom. It is too good to miss, and shows that the boys of to-day will have to keep a sharp lookout if they do not want to be "distanced" as the man of to-morrow:

"A member of a man's fraternity was speaking of the great help he has received from it, and I want to quote it, for some of us have fallen woefully below his standard, while at the same time we think and are daily informed that we are a chapter of the most approved kind.

"'It has given me self-control,' he said, 'when criticisms, harsh but true, come to me; I learned to hold my tongue. It has given me tact in approaching men, when I want to help them. I have learned to have a kindly spirit and show it. I

have been able to help boys much for they know it is from a truly fraternal spirit, and I am deeply thankful that I have been permitted to make a few lives better by belonging to a fraternity.'

"Dear girls, let righteous pride prevail in our hearts—we the women of to-day are the coming race—men from being our superiors are now only equals—shall they not soon own they are our inferiors in such lines as these?

"We make the motion—to be carried unanimously—that we women rise in our dignity, our sweetness, our intellect, our helpfulness, and make all our friends have the same ideal as inspired our forefathers—the greatest good to the greatest number."

This is followed by an article on "Fraternity Friendships," and that by "A Theta Girl's Vacation," recounting a Western trip by an Eastern girl; "College Girls' Missions," "Fraternity Relations," "The Ideal Fraternity," another article on "Fraternity Friendships," and a few pages about the Stanford University, showing that *Kappa Alpha Theta* has swung around to the regular orbit of fraternity journalism, having abandoned the purely literary path as not the right road to Greece.

There are, however, verses and a couple of abstract articles: "The Critic's Art," and "A Need of Justice, not Charity," show that *Kappa Alpha Theta* does not intend to abandon that road altogether. It is nevertheless very properly made a by-path. But the flowers that grow beside by-paths are oftentimes the prettiest, and the following, picked from *Kappa Alpha Theta's* by-path, is as pretty as they generally grow:

"TO THE SPIRITS ON EARTH THAT ADORE."

Our Father, 'neath thy radiant morning smile,
All nature bows in prayer. Thy pure, high joy
Is felt throughout the world. The turbid stream
Flows gently, and reflects thy gracious mood
Calm as the sea that heard thy voice, "Be still."

The oak, rude gleeman of the northern wood,
Forgets the martial music of his song,
Feeling thy sunshine rest upon his head.
The bearded congregation of the field,
Awed by thy presence and thy shining face,
Bow to the earth in reverence and weep.

And thoughtless, wayward man, thy youngest child,
Touched by the love-light in thy holy smile,
Leaving his playthings and his pretty cares,
Lift up his heart in worship, Lord, of thee.

—Buelah McHenry.

Of course there are editorials in *Kappa Alpha Theta*, and the leading editorial particularly touches the JOURNAL's heart. The sentiment, not the words, is just what one would expect to find in such an altogether lovely girl as *Kappa Alpha Theta*. It is too good not to be quoted, as will be seen :

"Then, there is the JOURNAL [*Kappa Alpha Theta*]. Some chapter must accept the glory and shame of that. The tears come to our eyes and the sobs choke our throat as we think of all there is to be said on this subject. The poor JOURNAL has had a queer time of it the last two years. She has tried to please so many people and has failed so miserably in pleasing any one—even herself—that she feels like putting her inky apron over her face and boo-hooing right out. Her head aches from its load of responsibility; her feet are tired to death tramping around after contributors, and her arms are quite worn out reaching after the chapter letters that never came. She will be glad to be taken home to some nice congenial place where she will be taken care of and loved and petted."

The JOURNAL offers the above as an object lesson of what it has been preaching for four years past.

There are three editorials in *The Caduceus* for March; the first announces the founding of a new chapter of Kappa Sigma at the University of Vermont, the third is of five lines noting the success of the Louisiana State Association, and the second is given below, the tone of which gives a better idea of the condition than could otherwise be given here :

"It seems to be impossible to impress upon the active members—or upon Kappa Sigmas in general—that a creditable magazine cannot be published without the co-operation of everyone. It seems impossible to get contributions from the chapters in regard to fraternity matters—except on one subject—and that is the delay or non-receipt of *The Caduceus*. On this one subject the chapter correspondent waxeth eloquent, the chronic kicker who perchance, has paid his subscription to the magazine, owing to the new ruling in regard to dues, sees a chance to get in a word, and wants his money back; the chapter, deeply in debt to the W. G. T., kicks because only ten copies were received instead of fifteen, the total number of members in the chapter, when perhaps only five have paid up; and the editor can only whittle his blue pencil and smoke his pipe, and wonder why these same correspondents cannot be eloquent on some other subject that would help the magazine along and increase its circu-

lation. With one or two exceptions, no fraternity magazine comes out on time. *The Caduceus* hopes soon to be one of the exceptions. With the help of the chapter correspondents, the May number will be out on time, and with an article from each chronic fault finder will no doubt be a phenomenal issue."

The May *Caduceus* is a "clipping" number, the JOURNAL and the *Swarthmore Halcyon* being the most clipped. Nine cuts from the *Halcyon* are given, and several pages of reading matter from the JOURNAL.

The uncertain quantity, *Beta Theta Pi*, for May is filled with cuts of different Ohio institutions of learning. Two of them are very good cuts. There are four pages taken up in two editorials, the leader being an expression of surprise and disgust that Alpha Tau Omega should have selected the white tea rose as its fraternity flower. Beta Theta Pi claims to have selected the whole rose family as its fraternity flower some four years ago, and to have portioned out the various kinds among the chapters as chapter insignia, and *Beta Theta Pi* is surprised that Alpha Tau Omega should not know that the white tea rose had been selected by a local chapter of Beta Theta Pi some time ago. *Beta Theta Pi* suggests that by selecting the white tea rose as its fraternity emblem Alpha Tau Omega has thereby filed an application for incorporation into Beta Theta Pi. Taken all in all Alpha Tau Omega has of course offended seriously, and the offended party occupying the "vantage ground of American college fraternities," Alpha Tau Omega had better back down before it is either knocked out or swallowed up. It is to be hoped that Alpha Tau Omega will take positive action as soon as possible, else heroic treatment will have to be administered to its rival, as the following will show:

"By what right can Alpha Tau Omega now appropriate to herself the fraternity flowers of Beta Theta Pi? * * * But what course is open to us? We must either assume that Alpha Tau Omega has been guilty of stealing our rose, or that she has come newly arrayed in sky blue and old gold to ask that Beta Theta Pi will permit her to join her fate to ours."

The Scroll for June is intensely Phi. It is a "horn" number. Horn numbers are pretty good things sometimes. This issue of *The Scroll* it a pretty good thing. It is local. An advertisement of a Phi Delta Theta hotel at Chicago appears on the front page in red letters, and from that to the last page, all is Phi. The

leading article is a historical and statistical sketch of the Vanderbilt chapter by Walter B. Palmer, accompanied with a picture of the chapter, and another of the chapter house, recently finished. The article shows that Phi Delta Theta has been very prominent at Vanderbilt, and has more than a goodly share of honors to her credit. A cut of the Phi Delta Theta chapter house at the University of the South, Sewanee, is also presented, with a historical sketch of that chapter, too, thus making the number a Tennessean.

Some years ago there appeared on the walls at an art exhibit in a certain Southern city a striking picture of a ghost, others more artistically developed called it a "Study," while people generally shivered and referred to it as "the girl in blue" with her eyes punched out. That picture is now on the walls of the art building at the World's Fair, and none who have seen it will ever forget "the girl in blue." Likewise no one will ever forget the *Shield* in blue. It impresses itself on one with such force that he will ever remember it as he remembers the green apples of his juvenile days, or the old oaken bucket his infancy knew.

The current *Shield* has a twenty-page oration "delivered at the banquet of the New England Association, April 19th, by the Rev. Charles Goddell." The Rev. Charles is something of a humorist, and in places the types make him appear to speak very disconnectedly. If fact, if it were not for the prefix to his name, one might imagine that it was an after-dinner speech, and that the speaker had not been a total abstainer during the dining, but had "looked upon the wine when it was red."

For instance the thread is rather difficult to trace through the following:

"The yankee like the cat always strikes on his feet, and knows the way out of hard places as a goat knows the way up a mountain.

"An editor gave an obituary of a townsman who appeared next day alive at the office. 'Can't correct it,' said the scribe, 'but I will put you among the births.'

"Why is n't Boston better laid out?

"It will be well when it is dead as Philadelphia.

"He loved the useful and knew little about the ornamental.

"With the darkey he said, 'de shirt buttens may help de look ob tings, but it am de 'spender buttons that does the solid work,' and it was solid work he wanted."

And the blue *Shield* has again distinguished itself in the advertising department. Some years ago there appeared advertisements of various commodities promiscuously scattered through the reading matter and editorial paragraphs of the *Shield*. The practice was rather severely commented on by other fraternity magazines, but they all afterward apologized, when Mr. Holmes explained that he had been too sick to personally attend to the make-up of the *Shield* while it was in press, and thus the "mix" was made. Some time afterward, Mr. Holmes cut advertisements out of his magazine altogether, saying the magazine ought either to be self-supporting or else surrender its lease. But now, then, again appear the hated advertisements, and again Mr. Holmes must be sick, for they are once more mixed in with reading matter, rather after the order of the last two or three pages of *Puck*, half a page of personals and notes of interest then half a page at \$— per page per issue. This does not commend itself to fraternity journalism.

But all else aside, Mr. Holmes has done more for the *Theta Delta Chi Shield* than has any other Greek done for his fraternity. He has actually made it. He started with nothing save the moral support of his fraternity, published a magazine at his own expense, himself being all but chapter correspondent, and within two years made it one of the heavy-weight members of the Greek press. It has been an individual enterprise, and one of great success. With a good pendulum attachment it would maintain its high position. Mr. Holmes certainly deserves the good will and hearty support of every Theta Delta Chi.

The "Cap and Gown," college verse, selected by Joseph LeRoy Harrison and published by Joseph Knight Company of Boston, is a valuable contribution to college-day literature. The compiler has adhered strictly to college verse and his 190-page collection, tastily bound and appropriately named, would add to the zest of any student body, and revive old memories of those who left college and its girls in "Auld Lang Syne."

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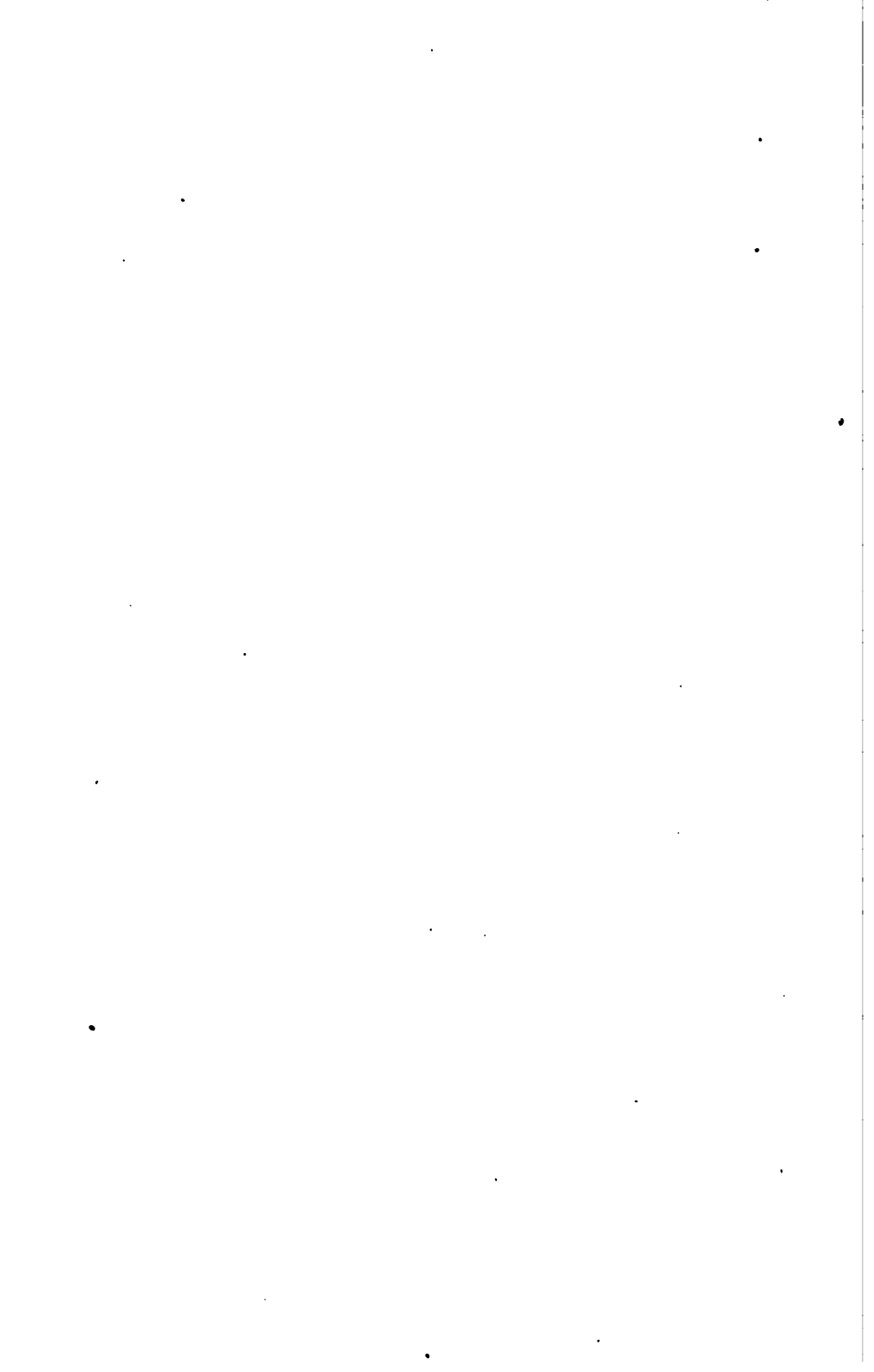
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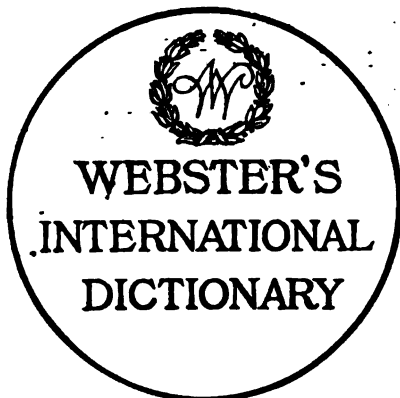


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